

**SUNDAY, June 13, 2021**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

This Sunday, **June 13**, Pastor Joel will continue a series on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We look this week at the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment – “remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

During this month, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services will use prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence and meditation on scripture. Services will last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday Morning Discussions**

At 9:00 AM this Sunday and in coming weeks, Pastor Joel will hold a time of dialogue in the Covenant Church basement on the Ten Commandments to accompany his sermon series. We invite all who are interested to attend.

### **Coffee After Morning Worship**

We hope to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service each week as weather permits. We hope you'll head outside to fellowship with your church family.

### **Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard**

On Sunday evening, **June 27** at 6:00 PM, we're holding our 2nd Annual "Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard." We hope you'll consider hosting a small gathering in your backyard or attending in someone else's. You won't know where you're going/who's coming over until that day! When you arrive, you'll share a time of fellowship and a potluck meal of sandwiches, salads, and desserts. You'll be asked to bring what you can to share with the group. Sign up by clicking [here](#) or on the signup sheet at church. Do you know of people new to the community who might like to join us? Feel free to add them to your family! Contact Rebecca De Vries or Beth Vanden Berg with any questions.

### **Save the Date!**

Covenant will have a retreat at Oak Grove on **October 1-2**. We will share more details as it gets closer. If you have suggestions or want to help with planning, please contact Laura Janssen.

### **June Sunday Servant Scheduling**

Beginning in June, we will resume scheduling our Sunday morning ushers, greeters, and coffee servers. You can find the schedule in the [June Courier](#), on the [website](#), and on the bulletin each week.

### **Opportunity to Serve**

Covenant is in need of some more volunteers to lock, unlock, and monitor doors during our morning worship services. You would be trained for this task, be paired with another volunteer, and help in making our church a safe and welcoming place to worship. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please contact Rebecca De Smith.

### **Special Council of Delegates Meeting**

Synod 2021 was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A special, virtual meeting of the Council of Delegates will be held June 15 & 16 to deal with matters that cannot wait for Synod 2022. Please keep this important meeting and its participants in your prayers. Learn more or watch the livestream at [crcna.org/COD-2021](https://crcna.org/COD-2021).

### **At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Wonder: William Brown, author of *Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World*, observed, “Wonder and wisdom fit hand in glove. Without a sense of wonder, faith and practice become routine, lukewarm, trivial.” (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](https://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

## A Biblical Approach to Immigration

Immigration issues are once again in the headlines. While immigration is certainly a political issue, it is also a biblical issue with important missional ramifications for the church in the United States. Join author and Evangelical Immigration Table national coordinator Matthew Soerens for this conversation on how biblical principles can inform our response as Christians to immigration issues and, more importantly, to refugees and immigrants themselves. Anyone interested in learning more about faith and immigration is welcome to this free event on **June 23**, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the DeWitt Learning Commons Vogel Room at Northwestern College. Please go to this site to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbor-a-christian-response-to-immigration-tickets-152363813267> Questions? Contact Jason Lief at [jlief@bbbimmigration.org](mailto:jlief@bbbimmigration.org).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Jesucristo el Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo & Karen Gonzalez.

## Offerings for June

6	General/Building Fund	13	Christian Education Fund
20	Missions Fund	27	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$4,131.00	Missions Fund	\$350.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,415.00	Building Fund	\$385.00

## Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

## Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church can be found [here](#), Mid-Sioux's annual report is [here](#), and a newsletter from the Groenwold-Van Dyk family is [here](#).

## June Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday, please contact someone from the substitute list!

Greeters: Dan A, Lisa C, Pat C	Coffee: Megan H, Sanneke K, James R
Ushers: Deb H, Carol O, Marv W	Substitutes: Dennis DJ, Luke H, Cal J, Tricia K, Rin G, Linda V

## Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

Kelly & April Crull  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Joya Breems, Cal Jongsma, Faby Addink, Jake Van Wyk, Daryl Hibma*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Terry & Jill Friend, Kurt & Sharon Vos, Marv & Mary Wielard, Dale & June Brands*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Pre-Worship Dialogue
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
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