

SUNDAY, July 11, 2021

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **July 11**, we welcome Kelly & April Crull to our service as they share about their work in Spain. Kelly will also preach this morning and we will together celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Worship Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning, **July 18**, Pastor Joel will be on vacation, so Dr. Jason Lief will bring the Word to us. We also plan to meet outside at Heritage Village for our morning worship service. Bring your own chairs or blankets and we will once again reserve some space for people to worship from their cars if you prefer. We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch and stay around for some fellowship and to enjoy the beautiful Heritage Village after the service.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Reopening

The nursery is open again! See the [July Courier](#) for more information. If you previously served in nursery, start watching for your name on the schedule!

Connecting with the Ribbens & Crulls

We enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the Ribbens this past week, and this Sunday **July 11**, our mission partners, Kelly, April, Alleke, Teo, & Ruben Crull will be here with us in worship. After the service, we will host a time for questions and structured fellowship, concluding with a time of prayer. We will also have treats and coffee. We'd like to encourage any small groups who may have get-togethers (bible studies, backyard gatherings, etc) in the next week to extend an invitation to the Ribbens and Crulls as a way to provide more informal opportunities to connect and strengthen our relationships with our mission partners.

Pastor's Summer Schedule

Beginning on **July 12**, Pastor Joel Kok will begin two weeks of study leave, followed by one week of vacation. The first week of study leave will take place at St. John's Monastery in Collegeville, Minnesota. The second week of study leave will take place at Nashotah Seminary in Wisconsin. For vacation, Joel and Tricia will spend time with extended family members in a cabin near Lake Michigan. The Koks welcome your prayers for travelling mercies and a refreshing time.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM, members of Covenant are invited to gather for intercessional prayer. We pray for Covenant as a congregation and for individual members and households. As the Spirit leads, we also pray for our community, our nation, and the world in which Christ is at work to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. We invite any member who feels led to join us to feel free to participate. The prayer meetings usually last approximately 30 minutes.

Coffee After Morning Worship

We'll be serving coffee inside again going forward, but feel free to take your coffee and conversation outside if you wish!

The Bible League Events

- The Bible League Christmas in July will be held on Monday, **July 26**, at 1:30 PM at Faith CRC in Sioux Center. You are asked to bring an item such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc. to place on the silent auction tables. You will be given time to view the items and place your bids. Chaney Rader, Regional Field Director of Bible League International will be the featured speaker. After a year and more of no BLI events we are pleased to have Christmas in July again this year and hope for a great attendance.
- The Bible League International of the Tri-state area will host a concert featuring The Browns from LeMars on Tuesday, **July 27** at 7:00 PM. The concert will be held at the Unity Knight Center in Orange City. Tickets will be sold at the door (\$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under). A free-will offering will be taken at intermission for Bible League International.

Rocky Railway VBS

Bethel's Rocky Railway VBS (July 19-22) needs crew leaders and craft helpers! Crew leaders lead a group of kids from station to station. There are two leaders per group. Craft helpers assist with preparing the craft each night and helping the kids with the crafts. Sign up online at <http://www.bethelsc.org>.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

Offerings for July

4	General/Building Fund	11	Christian Education Fund
18	Missions Fund	25	World Renew

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$7,090.00	Missions Fund	\$680.00
Christian Education Fund	\$4,680.00	Compassion Fund	\$300.00
Building Fund	\$345.00	World Renew	\$300.00

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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from Mike & Megan Ribbens is [here](#) and prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, July 18
Greeters	AM: Joe E, Shirley M, Linda VH	
Ushers	AM: Rebecca DS, Sally J, Marty VP	
Coffee	Wil A, Rachel L, Sarah S	
Subs	Donna B, Jo F, Chris G, Sarah H, Barb H, Lois VZ	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB + Dane H	Andy L + Rebecca DV
Nursery Jan. POM: Janssens	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Ryan & Val Z	AM: (Outdoor worship, no nursery)

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jill Friend, Dane Hibma, Barb Schaap, Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats

Happy Anniversary this Week

Jason & Dani Wyenberg

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 11th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Kelly Crull preaching)
	11:30 AM	Conversation & Questions with the Crulls
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship at Heritage Village (Jason Lief preaching)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)