

SUNDAY, July 18, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Our hope is to livestream our outdoor worship service this Sunday (barring any technical difficulties!). 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 18**, we plan to worship together using the outdoors as our sanctuary. We plan to worship on the south and west side of the big barn at Heritage Village, as we did last summer. When you arrive, please follow directions from the parking attendants and the ushers. We also plan to reserve some space for people to drive up closer in order to worship from their cars again. Tell a parking attendant if you would like to do that. We invite the rest of you to bring blankets or chairs and spread out under the trees and on the lawn. We encourage you to bring your own picnic lunch or go on a tree walk after the service – it's a great opportunity for some extended outdoor fellowship with your church family. The weather so far looks cooperative, but we will email by 9:00 AM if we are unable to meet outside and then we will plan to worship in the sanctuary. If you are not able to join us in person, we do plan to livestream the service this Sunday, so find it on Facebook Live as usual and worship with us in spirit in your homes using the order of worship in the [bulletin](#) or the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). Pastor Joel is on his study leave this week, so Dr. Jason Lief will be preaching.

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

August Courier

Do you have something you'd like to include in the August Courier? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **July 19** at 9:00 AM!

Sunday Evening Bonfire

For our evening gathering next Sunday, **July 25** at 6:00 PM, we plan to gather for a meal and a bonfire. We're still working on finalizing a location, but we hope you will plan to join us for hotdogs and s'mores, singing and fellowship. Please bring your own chairs and drinks. Covenant will provide the rest.

Looking for Children and Worship Leaders

Covenant's youngest members are looking for someone who is willing to lead them in worship! This takes place during the morning worship services year-round and would require a 2 month commitment over the course of the year. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact Cheri Horstman for more details (712-441-4562, mchorst@mtcnet.net).

Pastor's Summer Schedule

Beginning on **July 12**, Pastor Joel Kok take 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.

Covenant Email List

Would you like to be added to Covenant's email list? Email the church office! (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Remembering: In the sacrament of The Lord's Supper we remember both the great sacrifice and the wonderful gift of Jesus' death and resurrection. Think and talk about how you might more fully enter into both the sorrow and the joy as you celebrate communion. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Offerings for July

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$2,520.00	Missions Fund	\$200.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,105.00	World Renew	\$125.00

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 Cornerstone Prison Church is [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 25
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	Jeff P ♦ Rebecca DV	Nick B ♦ Jason W
Nursery Jan. POM: Janssens	AM: (Outdoor worship, no nursery)	AM: Ethan & Donna B, Ross & Lisa F

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Miriam Groenewold

Happy Anniversary this Week

Justin & Melissa Bailey, Mark & Merrill McCarthy

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship at Heritage Village (Jason Lief preaching) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 25th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship at (Rev. Angela Perigo preaching) Bonfire (location to be determined)