

SUNDAY, July 25, 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 25**, Pastor Joel is still on his study/vacation leave, and Rev. Angela Perigo will be preaching. Angela is a Pastoral Care Assistant at Dordt. Here is the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening: Bonfire

For our evening gathering this Sunday evening, **July 25** at 6:00 PM we will gather for a meal and a bonfire at Sandy Hollow. We hope you will join us for hotdogs and s'mores, singing and fellowship. Please bring your own chairs and drinks and roasters if you have them. Covenant will provide the rest. The vehicle entrance fee has been waived. You can park in the parking lot and find us at the shelter north of the pond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Courier

The August Courier is in your church mailbox and can be found [here](#).

Catechism Teacher Needed

We are in need of a catechism teacher for grades 7 and 8. If you would consider serving in this way, please contact Pat Crull (spcrull@mtcnet.net or 722-1041).

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).

Church Office

Sara Ploegstra will be out of the office July 26-August 3. While someone will be checking in periodically, know that responses may be delayed.

Pastor's Summer Schedule

Beginning on **July 12**, Pastor Joel Kok is taking 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. Please contact your pastoral group elders or deacons with any pastoral concerns. (Pastoral Group lists can be found [here](#).)

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 on Monday, **July 26**, at 1:30 PM at Faith CRC in Sioux Center. Please bring an item such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc. to place on the silent auction tables. There will be time to view the items and place your bids. Chaney Rader, Regional Field Director of BLI, will be the featured speaker.
- 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 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.

Inspire "Light" 2021

Are you feeling sad about missing Inspire this summer? Plan to join us for free virtual events that can provide a small portion of what Inspire has to offer. We'll be online **August 3-6**, from 11:00-12:00 Central with a daily taste of Inspire to whet your appetite for next year's conference. Each session will include worship, a plenary speaker, and the opportunity to network with others. Expect special musical and spoken word poetry, and guest performances in addition to thought-provoking messages and stimulating discussion. Space is limited. Please indicate your interest for each session by registering at crcna.org/inspire/inspire-light-2021. Video recordings of each day's session will also be posted for those unable to attend.

Love INC Volunteer Opportunities

Love INC is looking for individuals willing to provide mentoring for participants in the Faith and Finances class this fall. Mentors will assist participants with financial goal setting, budgeting, credit (re)building, planning for debt repayment, and savings. This opportunity begins on **August 31** and requires mentors to meet once a week for 12 weeks, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:15 PM in Rock Valley. Love INC will provide training and guidance throughout the mentoring process. We are also looking for individuals with experience in walking a grief journey after losing a loved one for our Grief Share support group. Volunteers would provide support, guide discussion, and encourage others through their own journey of grief. Grief Share curriculum and training is provided by Love INC. Please call the Love INC office for more information (712-476-5990) or email Noemi DeWeerd (loveinc3@premieronline.net).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Remembering: Telling our faith stories to other generations is a deeply meaningful way to help us remember together what God has done. Check out our intergenerational story-starter questions at tinyurl.com/StoryStarterQ. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cncna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

Offerings for July

25 World Renew

Offerings for August

1	General Fund	8	Christian Education Fund	15	Missions Fund
22	Ministry Shares	29	Building Fund		

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$2,930.00	Missions Fund	\$1,005.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,040.00	Compassion Fund	\$100.00

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](#), a newsletter from Hope Haven is [here](#), and the latest newsletter from the Maletougous in West Africa 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, August 1
Greeters	AM: Joe E, Shirley M, Linda VH	AM: Natalie B, Mark C, Ryan Z
Ushers	AM: Rebecca DS, Sally J, Marty VP	AM: George F, Dennis VP, Jake VW
Coffee	Wil A, Rachel L, Sarah S	Jenni B, Ruth C, Rob H, Daryl H
Subs	Donna B, Jo F, Chris G, Sarah H, Barb H, Lois VZ	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Jason W	Andy L ♦ Tom C
Nursery July. POM: Janssens	AM: Ethan & Donna B, Ross & Lisa F	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Ron & Carol O

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 Maletougou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pastor Gianni Gracia, Jacob Vander Plaats, Eldon Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dane & Rachel Hibma, Dennis & Pam De Jong, Cal & Sally Jongsma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship at (Rev. Angela Perigo preaching) Bonfire (location to be determined)
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Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
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Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
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Sunday, 1st	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship with Communion (Rev. Justin Bailey preaching) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
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