

**SUNDAY, August 1, 2021**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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, **August 1**, Justin Bailey will preach this morning and we will together celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). Pastor Joel will be back next Sunday!

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

We will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services 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 last between 45 minutes and an hour and tonight's service will include a brief meditation by Rylan Brue.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Staff Summer Schedule**

Pastor Joel Kok is finishing up his study/vacation leave and will be back to work this week. Sara is out of the office from July 25-August 3.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mchorst@mtcnet.net)).

### **NAMI**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

### **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](https://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](mailto:loveinc3@premieronline.net)).

### **Justice For All Announcements**

- Justice For All is very excited to announce dates for upcoming Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are: JMVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson, MS (Sept. 11-17); Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS (Sept. 18-24); Grace Reigns, Hildale, UT (Oct. 1-

8); Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX (Oct. 16-22). If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick Leloux at JFA (712-476-2804, [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org)).

- Justice For All Foundation invites you to an evening of entertainment, catered meal, and updates on how the Foundation has been benefitting JFA ministry efforts over the past year. It will be held at the Parkview Events Center in Rock Valley on **August 20**, at 6 PM. You can save your spot by calling JFA (712-476-2804). If you would like more information, please contact Joel De Wit ([joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org)). Please join us to support the on-going ministry of JFA as we continue to 'share and care in Christ's name'!

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

### Offerings for August

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

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$ 795.00	Missions Fund	\$ 45.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$ 851.00	World Renew	\$335.00

### 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 Maletoungous 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 8
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Natalie B, Mark C, Ryan Z	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> George F, Dennis VP, Jake VW	
<b>Coffee</b>	Jenni B, Ruth C, Rob H, Daryl H	
<b>Subs</b>	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Andy L ♦ Tom C	Eric R ♦ Dane H
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM:</b> Luke & Sarah H, Ron & Carol O	
<b>Aug. POM:</b> Janssens	<b>AM:</b> Marty & Kris VP, Kathy DW	

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
[crulls@caimail.net](mailto:crulls@caimail.net)

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
[mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com)

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
[tvandyk@crncpartners.org](mailto:tvandyk@crncpartners.org)



### Happy Birthday this Week

Marge DeBoer, Ruth Clousing, Pat Eggebeen, Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Laurey Zwart, Max Hoekstra, Caden Zonnefeld, Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber

### Happy Anniversary this Week

Dave & Luanne Goslinga, Ryan & Angela Hannigan, Jeff & Sara Ploegstra

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship with Communion (Rev. Justin Bailey preaching) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)