

**SUNDAY, August 8, 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.

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

This Sunday, **August 8**, Pastor Joel is back and we will be digging back into the [Lectionary](#) again, focusing particularly on the gospel readings from John 6. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **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 will include a brief meditation.

### **Worship Outdoors Next Sunday!**

Don't forget – we'll be worshipping at Heritage Village again next Sunday morning, **August 15!** Grab your blankets or chairs and join us! As usual, we encourage you to bring a picnic lunch and plan to stay for some fellowship afterward.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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)).

### **Resource Fair**

In a time of need and don't know where to turn? Come to the Resource Fair, to be held on **August 18**, from 3-7 PM at the Orange City City Hall (125 Central Ave S). Zestos will be sharing school supplies, back packs, water bottles, t-shirts, and take-home food at the event. If you have further questions, please call Mavis (712-348-1541) or Kristin (712-737-4542). This event is sponsored by Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS & Trinity Orange City.

### **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 Dinner**

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'!

### **Bible League Conference**

Bible League's Spreading the Fragrance of Life dinner is Monday evening, **September 20**. The daylong conference is Tuesday, **September 21**. Both events will be held at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Register online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). The cost is \$20 for the dinner and \$40 for the conference.

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Service: Look for service opportunities that allow you to serve “with” people in need, rather than doing things “to” or “for” them. And always remember to look for things you can learn from people you serve. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**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	\$4,588.00	Missions Fund	\$50.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,680.00	Building Fund	\$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: Prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries can be found [here](#) and note from World Renew about their work in Haiti 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 15
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Natalie B, Mark C, Ryan Z	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: 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>	Eric R ♦ Dane H	Dennis DJ ♦ ??
<b>Nursery</b> Aug. POM: Janssens	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Kathy DW	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  
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
giannigracia@yahoo.com

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

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**

*Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra, Dani Wyenberg, Kathleen Van Tol*

**Happy Anniversary this Week**

*Ron & Carol Oostra, Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Benjamin & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk*

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)