

SUNDAY, August 22, 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, **August 22**, Pastor Joel will again focus on the gospel readings from the [Lectionary](#). We also have the opportunity to bless our kindergarteners with quilts as they begin school. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening: Intergenerational Tree Walk at Heritage Village

Please join us Sunday night at 6:00 PM at Heritage Village for our Formation Gathering. We will learn about the history of the Heritage Village arboretum from Ron Oostra, reflect on what it means for us to be "trees planted by streams of water," enjoy an enactment of The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein, gather leaves for leaf-rubbings, and take guided or self-guided tree walks. Something for everyone!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome (Back), Dordt Students

Welcome (back) Dordt students! Whether you will join us once, from time to time, or every Sunday, we are so glad you are here and hope you will find Covenant a welcoming place. If you're interested in getting involved or connecting, stop by the welcome table or find us at the Taste of Sioux Center event in Dordt's Rec Center this coming Thursday.

September Courier

I'll be working on the September Courier (our monthly newsletter) this week. Do you have something you'd like to include? Email the church office by Monday, **August 23!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

Cadet Kick-Off

The Faith/Covenant/Bridge of Hope Cadet Club is having our kickoff party on Saturday, **August 28**. Open to all of last year's cadets, all the incoming 5th graders, and any new boys in the congregations, this party will be bouncing at Air Madness and having supper at Pizza Ranch. The cost for all boys is \$5. For more information, please contact Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com or 712-578-8630).

Covenant Orientation Gathering

Do you wonder how Covenant operates? On two Sundays, **August 29** and **September 5**, 9:00-9:45 AM, Pastor Joel will lead an orientation class in which we will explore the ins and outs of how things work and how to flourish in our congregation.

Pork 'N Bands

Pork N' Bands is moving back to the fall and is scheduled for Saturday, **September 18**. We're excited for a night of great music, delicious pork, and a chance to raise some money to support our awesome kids and their schools! Be on the look-out for the sign-up sheet for donating items and/or working the night of the event. It will be on the table in the back of church on **September 5**; but reach out to Christian Education Committee with any questions prior!

Covenant Email List

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

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Mike Pitsenberger.

Sioux Center Christian School Begins

SCCS is excited to begin classes this Tuesday, **August 24!** 512 of God's children will walk through our doors and into daily training by master Christian teachers who intentionally invite, nurture, and empower kids to see and live God's Story. We ask you to daily lift before God's throne our students and parents, our faculty, staff and administration, and our board of trustees, praying that we will rely on His strength and obediently listen to His voice throughout this 2021-22 school year!

Community Gospel Choir at Dordt

Join London-based artists Geraldine Latty & Carey Luce for a special Sioux Center community choir. Rehearsals will occur on **August 30, September 13 & 20** from 7:30–8:45 PM in the Dordt choir room with workshop and performance on Saturday, **September 25**, from 1:00–9:00 PM. It is open to adults and high school students. Sign up [here](#) and for more information, please email jeremy.perigo@dordt.edu.

NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program

The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church this fall if there is enough interest. The course is free and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712 567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). For more information, please call today!

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Service: What is usually your first reaction when you're asked to serve in some way? What has shaped that reaction? Spend some time reflecting on that today. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for August

15 Missions Fund 22 Ministry Shares 29 Building Fund

Last week's offering General Fund \$1,680.00 Missions Fund \$75.00
Christian Education Fund \$1,665.00 Building Fund \$70.00

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 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 29
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Mark C, Ryan Z	
Ushers	AM: George F, Dennis VP, Jake VW	
Coffee	Jenni B, Ruth C, Rob H, Daryl H	
Subs	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Rebecca DV	Andy L ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Aug. POM: Janssens	AM: Lee & Jenni M, Jeff & Sara P	AM: Joe & Erin E, Jason & Dani W

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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Chris Goedhart, John Zwart, Elise Stiemsma

Happy Anniversary this Week

Len & Lee Rhoda

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 22nd 10:00 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Tree Walk at Heritage Village

Monday 7:00 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 AM Prayer Group

Sunday, 29th 9:00 AM Covenant Orientation Gathering
10:00 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)