

SUNDAY, August 29, 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 29**, Pastor Joel will again focus on the gospel reading from the [Lectionary](#). 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.

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.

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.

All Church Picnic

We will kick off the Sunday School year with an all church picnic at Children's Park after our morning service on Sunday, **September 12**. Dordt students are encouraged to join us. Serving will begin around 12:00. This year we are changing the meal. Each family is asked to bring a hot and a cold dish to share (individuals can just bring one dish) and bring your own table service. There will be table service provided for Dordt students and guests. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

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!

September Courier

The September Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#) and find the September Sunday Servants [here](#).

Interested in a Small Group?

The Small Group Ministry at Covenant seeks to enfold members—families, couples, and singles—into groups that meet regularly (usually twice a month) for fellowship, study, worship, prayer, and outreach. Mostly, they aim to build community at Covenant. Groups are inter-generational and are definitely family friendly. We hope to incorporate new folks into groups in September. Sound interesting? Ready to join? Or need more information? Sign up in the back of church or contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith at bdesmith@mtcnet.net.

Cadet Counselors Needed

Faith/Covenant/Bridge of Hope Cadets are looking for counselors for this Cadet year. We are in need of men ages 18-99 who are willing to discuss God's Word with these young men. If you are willing to help with this ministry, please email fcbcadets@gmail.com or contact Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com or 712-578-8630).

Covenant Email List

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

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.

Faculty Recital at Dordt

All are invited to a Faculty Recital presented by Dr. Carrie Groenewold at Dordt University on Saturday, **September 4**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature several collaborative works with trumpeter Richard Neckermann. Neckermann holds degrees from Western Michigan University and from Boston University, and is Principal Trumpet for the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. He also plays regularly with the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and South Bend Symphony Orchestras. Groenewold serves as the Joan Ringerwole Chair of Church Music and Organ, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Keyboard Activities, and University Organist at Dordt University.

NISYO Auditions

Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra will be held on Saturday morning, **September 4** at NWC. NISYO is seeking string players from middle school through high school to join all sections of the orchestra. Find more info at NISO.Dordt.edu and to schedule an audition, email director Dr. Angela Holt (angela.holt@nwciowa.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!

Western Christian FFA Mum Sales

The first few weeks of September, WCHS's FFA chapter is going to be selling mums! Something new we are doing this year is drop off locations at some of the area Christian grade schools. Order forms are available (located on the welcome table) or if you would like to complete it online, contact ffa@westernchristianhs.com and we will send you information. Look for more information to come regarding drop locations, dates, and times. Feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions you may have.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Jesse Henkle.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Service: In *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster writes, "Self-righteous service fractures community... it puts others into its debt and becomes one of the most subtle and destructive forms of manipulation known. True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, builds." Look for ways to heal and build others up through service this week. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for August

29 Building Fund

Offerings for September

5 General/Building Fund 12 Christian Education Fund
19 Missions Fund 26 World Renew

Last week's offering General Fund \$1,275.00 Missions Fund \$210.00
 Christian Education Fund \$1,235.00 Building Fund \$80.00

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, September 5
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Mark C, Ryan Z	AM: Mary D, Jo F, Shaun S
Ushers	AM: George F, Dennis VP, Jake VW	AM: Pat C, Shirley T, Eldon W
Coffee	Jenni B, Ruth C, Rob H, Daryl H	Terry F, Mark H, Merrill MC, Jo A
Subs	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Marty VP	Nick B ♦ ?
Nursery Aug. POM: Janssens	AM: Joe & Erin E, Jason & Dani W	AM: Paul & Ruth C, Tom & Ruth C

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

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

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Shonna Plasier, Dave Schelhaas, Melissa Bailey, Rylan Brue, Angela Hannigan, Isaac Maletougou, Val Zonnefeld

Happy Anniversary this Week

Tim & Mimi Kamp

Happy Anniversary

Len & Lee Rhoda celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 26, and in celebration, their kids are serving cookies after this morning's service. Congratulations, Len & Lee!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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

Wednesday 10:00 AM Prayer Group

Sunday, 5th 9:00 AM Covenant Orientation Gathering
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 6:00 PM Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)