

SUNDAY, September 5, 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, **September 5**, Pastor Joel will jump back into the series we were working through earlier this summer on Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We look this week at the 7th commandment. 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.

Cadet Registration

Cadet Registration will take place at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, **September 8**, at Faith CRC in the sanctuary. All boys 5th-8th grade are invited. We need one parent to accompany their son to fill out the forms with the counselors. The dues for the year are \$35 for 6th-8th graders and \$45 for 5th graders. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com or 712-578-8630).

Covenant Neighborhood Block Party

You're invited to the Covenant parking lot for a neighborhood get together on Thursday, **September 9**, 6-8 PM. We'll have music, food, and games. You may want to bring lawn chairs.

Church Education Year

The church education year kicks off next Sunday, **September 12** at 9:00 AM! We hope to see the building full of students from 1st grade through adults, learning and growing together!

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.

Free(will donation) Garage Sale

Help! On Saturday **September 18** from 10:00-1:00 please help us empty Tina Dekker's house (542 2nd Ave. NE) of its contents. Many household items, some furniture, etc. It's FREE! Just make a donation to the Christian Education Fund for what you take and bring a smile to Rin!

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 on the table in the back of church, and reach out to Christian Education Committee with any questions!

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.

Colossian Forum

Interested in being part of the next Colossian Forum group? Contact Pastor Joel (joel.e.kok@gmail.com).

Covenant Email List

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

First Mondays Speaker Series

Dordt University's First Mondays Speaker Series presents Dr. Abby Foreman, Professor of Social Work and Public Administration and Co-Director of the Kuypers Honors Program at Dordt University. Dr. Foreman has a particular interest in exploring how Christians and the broader society have responded to the needs of vulnerable people, and studies the intersection of this response among individuals, church, community non-profits, and various levels of the government. Please join us at 11 AM, Monday, **September 6** in the BJ Haan Auditorium for her presentation, "Making Space in our Community for Others." This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series. Contact Ruth Clark (Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu or 722-6507) with any questions.

NAMI Support Group

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 PM on Tuesday, **September 7**. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Dordt Pops Concert

You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:00 PM on Friday, **September 10** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for Video Games Live, as the Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra open this year's instrumental concert series. Hear music from Bounty Hunter, Halo, Civilization V, Super Mario Brothers, and more. Dress as your favorite video game character and join us for an evening of fun and gaming!

Rides of Love Ministry

Love INC of Sioux County is looking for volunteers for the Rides of Love ministry to occasionally provide rides to medical or mental health appointments for members of our community who are in need of transportation. Please call Love INC (712-476-5990) for more information and to be added to our call list of volunteer drivers.

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.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Randy Widbin and Carlos Perez.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Sabbath: Read Exodus 20:8-11 and ponder or discuss the following question: Sabbath rest is God's gift to us. How might you receive that gift with gratitude? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for September

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$825.00	Missions Fund	\$100.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$637.74	Building Fund	\$950.00

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 Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk is [here](#) and a prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries can be found [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 12
Greeters	AM: Mary D, Jo F, Shaun S	
Ushers	AM: Pat C, Shirley T, Eldon W	
Coffee	Terry F, Mark H, Merrill MC, Jo A	
Subs	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Jason W	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Aug. POM: Janssens	AM: Paul & Ruth C, Tom & Ruth C	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Kurt & Sharon V

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 Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crcnapartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Marcia Westra, Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer

Thank You!

Thanks for the many well wishes for my birthday and the amazing event of my retirement! There were lots of cards and many lovely words written. I enjoyed them all!
-Rin Goedhart

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 5th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Covenant Orientation Gathering Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Prayer Group Cadet Registration (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	6:00 PM	Covenant Neighborhood Block Party
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship All Church Picnic (at Children's Park) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)