

SUNDAY, September 12, 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 12**, we continue the series we were working through earlier this summer on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We look this week at the 8th commandment. This week we'll also commission our teachers and leaders as we start the new church education year. 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

Church Education Year

The church education year kicks off this Sunday morning, **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 today, **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.

Church Picture Directory

It's time to put together another picture directory! Jo Alberda and Sherri Ten Napel have graciously offered to be our photographers this year, and we hope to take as many family pictures as we are able to at the church picnic this Sunday, **September 12**. So as you come or before you leave the park on Sunday afternoon, can you make sure to put on your smile and have your picture taken? Thank you! If you're not able to come to the picnic this week, we'll have a few make-up photo times at church on Sundays to come!

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! Sign-up sheets for donating items and/or working the night of the event are on the table in the back of church or sign up online (click [here to donate items](#) and click [here to volunteer](#)), 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.

Covenant Email List

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

Bible League Conference

Bible League's Spreading the Fragrance of Life dinner is Monday evening, **September 20**. The daylong conference including spiritual encouragement, joyful fellowship, and musical worship is Tuesday, **September 21**. Keynote speaker Kelli (Kredit) Gotthardt will speak in multiple sessions and special guest Pastor Thony Ronaldo from Indonesia will be with us. Both events will be held at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Register online by **September 12** at bibleleague.org/tickets. The cost is \$20 for the dinner and \$40 for the conference with lunch.

Christians Get Depressed Too

The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on **October 7 & 8** at 7:00 PM to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com or contact Rev. John Vermeer (jvermeer61@hotmail.com).

Marriage Retreat

You're invited to a marriage retreat held at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley on Saturday, **October 23**, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Soul Strong Marriage Retreats are intended to empower couples through encouraging messages of grace, truth and love. A Christ-centered union leads to a healthy emotional, social, physical and spiritual wellbeing. You are invited to grow in unity as we provide a safe space to reflect, worship, and spend intentional time with your spouse. In this space, we pray for conversations that help you foster a deeper understanding and respect for one another. The deadline to sign up for the retreat is **October 8**. Please register online at www.soulstrongspiritualdirection.com (click on "retreats" tab).

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.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ the King Catholic parish and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Sabbath: Read Mark 2:23-28 and ponder or discuss the following questions: What would a sabbath that is "made for you" look like? What would be life-giving? What would be restful? What would point you to God? (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	\$4,620.26	Missions Fund	\$245.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1640.00	Building Fund	\$400.00

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 19
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	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Eric R ♦ Tom C
Nursery Sept. POM: Janssens	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Kurt & Sharon V	AM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Erik & Barb H

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Laura DeKruyf, Adam Kramer, Kelly Crull

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Picnic (at Children's Park)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Saturday	5:00 PM	Pork 'N Bands (at The Fruited Plain Café)
Sunday, 19th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)