

SUNDAY, September 19, 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 9th commandment. This week we also have the joy of witnessing the profession of faith of Sam Eppinga, son of Robbin and Sara. 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.

Faith Formation Plans for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, **September 26**, our denomination recognizes CRC Abuse Awareness Sunday, and in light of that Tara Boer (Classis Lakota's Safe Church Coordinator) will present on abuse and healing during our 6:00 PM gathering. The gathering will include time for questions, answers, and dialogue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Picture Directory

Thanks to so many of you who got your family picture taken this past Sunday at the picnic for our church photo directory! We would love to catch more of you this Sunday after our morning worship service. If you haven't had your picture taken, can you catch Sara Ploegstra by the main NW door and she will direct you to the photographers!

October Courier

If you have something you'd like to include in the October Courier, please send it to the church office by Monday, **September 20!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

GEMS Kick-Off

Girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to the GEMS kick-off on Wednesday, **September 22**, 6:00-8:00 PM. We plan to meet that evening at the upper parking lot/green space at Faith CRC.

Parsonage Fence Project

We are looking for many hands to help build the Parsonage Fence on Saturday, **September 25** at 8:00 AM. If you have a cordless drill, please bring it along. If you have questions and if you are able to come, please let Mark Horstman know (712-441-4568).

Church Retreat

Don't forget to sign up for the church retreat which is taking place at Oak Grove on **October 1&2!** There are sign up sheets for camping, meals, and bringing snacks on the table in the fellowship hall. Contact Laura Janssen 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)

ATLAS Open House

After serving ATLAS of Sioux Center as the Administrative Assistant for over 13 years, Ashley Egdorf has accepted another position. Ashley is one of the most tenured staff of any ATLAS in the country! We are celebrating her service to ATLAS on Thursday, **September 23!** If you want to stop in and thank Ashley and wish her well in her new endeavors, you are invited to our building for snacks and drinks from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Ashley, we are so grateful for your heart for hurting people and for the ways you have supported our staff for so many years! Please join us in celebrating Ashley!

First Mondays Speaker Series

Dordt University's Mondays Speaker Series presents Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt, the Franklin S. Dyrness Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Wheaton College. Dr. McNutt's research specializes in the history of the church and Christian Theology from the Reformation through the Enlightenment with particular expertise in John Calvin and his clerical legacy, the Reformed tradition, the relationship between Christianity and science, and the history of the Bible and its interpretation. Please join us at 11 AM, Monday, **September 27** in the BJ Haan Auditorium for her presentation, "Making Space for the Dead in Conversations of Faith and Science." This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series. Additionally, we invite you to join us at Dordt, BJ Haan Auditorium, for a Live Concert on Monday, **November 1** at 7 PM, featuring Andrew Peterson, singer, songwriter, and author from Nashville, TN. Get tickets [here](#) or on his website: www.andrew-peterson.com. Contact Ruth Clark (Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu or 722-6507) with any questions.

Art in the Prairie

Experience Art in the Prairie on Saturday, **October 2**, from 3-4 PM at the Dordt University Prairie. Arts in the Prairie is an interactive event where Dordt departments such as the Environmental Studies department, the Art department, the Theatre department, the English department, and various musicians all come together to set up booths and/or activities in Dordt's prairie for community members and Dordt students alike.

sounding light Concert

On Saturday, **October 2**, *sounding light*, a professional choir from the Omaha area conducted by Tom Trenney, will perform at Dordt University at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Also featured will be a performance by Dordt University's Concert Choir, conducted by Ryan Smit. They will together present a concert titled "...and so we go on..." with music to help us make sense of the uncertainty around us while also looking forward with hope.

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).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Sabbath: Read Luke 6:6-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions: In what areas of your life do you need healing and restoration? How might celebrating sabbath help you open your heart to letting Jesus "completely restore" and heal you? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for September

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

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| Last week's offering | General Fund | \$3,000.00 | Compassion Fund | \$300.00 |
| | Christian Education Fund | \$3,735.00 | Building Fund | \$600.00 |

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 Mission India is [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

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| 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 | Eric R ♦ Tom C | Dennis DJ ♦ Dane H |
| Nursery | | |
| Sept. POM: Janssens | AM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Erik & Barb H | AM: Nick & Jenni B, Lee R |

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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| 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@crncpartners.org |
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Charlie Wyenberg, Pam Adams, Erik Hoekstra, Rock McCarthy, Rose Rylaarsdam, John Stevenson, Viola Stiemsma, Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson

Membership transfer

Dave, Luanne, Micah, Austen, and Annika Goslinga have transferred their membership to Faith CRC in Sioux Center.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday, 19th | 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM | Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) ETM (at First CRC) |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Full Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:15 PM | Prayer Group Youth Group GEMS Kick-Off (at Faith CRC) Cadets (at Faith CRC) |
| Thursday | 7:30 PM | Colossian Forum |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM | Parsonage Fence Project |
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