

SUNDAY, May 8, 2022

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, **May 8**, we continue the resurrection celebration in this season of Eastertide, and our risen Christ will make himself known to us in the breaking of the bread as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In the coming weeks, Pastor Joel will be preaching through the lectionary texts from the book of Acts. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **May 8**, 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. Our Vespers service tonight will include the lyrical worship class from Robin's School of Dance (including a few of our own Covenant dancers!) who will share their gift of dance with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Offering of Thanks

The Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes have been placed in the church mailboxes. This is a way to donate to causes not included in our church budget. We would like to collect the envelopes today, **May 8**. Please place them in the collection boxes. Extra envelopes are on the back table.

WE Service

On Sunday, **May 22**, following our morning worship, we plan to gather for lunch and a WE service, an intergenerational gathering of worship and learning together. Watch for more details next week and we hope you'll plan to stay!

Lost & Found

Don't forget to check the lost and found table located near the main entrance and across from the mailboxes to see if any items belong to you! There is leftover winter gear, a stray earring or two, kids' treasures, and more!

Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering

We are once again collecting food and personal care items for Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.! If you picked an item out of the basket last week, feel free to bring it in anytime during the month of **May**. If you didn't grab a slip of paper (or want to bring something else), that's ok. Feel free to bring any non-perishable food item (canned goods, pasta, rice, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, etc.) or personal care products (toilet paper, laundry detergent, soap, feminine products, toothpaste, etc).

40 Days of Prayer – Sign Up Today!

As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season beginning **May 1** of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Learn more and sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days: network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer.

Commissioning Service

The Rev. Mark & JinHee Klompien family has been called to serve with Resonate Global Mission in Nepal. As a classis we are supporting his ministry and have been invited to join their calling church for a service of Word and prayer with leaders from Classis Heartland, Iakota, Minnkota and Resonate Global Mission. The service takes place at Hawarden CRC on Sunday, **May 15**, at 2:00 PM. We celebrate remembering— "The gospel...will be preached to the ends of the earth...then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

Monumental VBS

Monumental VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 18-21!** We need lots of helpers for VBS! If you would like to help, the volunteer sign up is available on Bethel's website at www.bethelcsc.org or on Bethel's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Meyers (vbs@bethelcsc.org or 712-441-5518).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Prayer: Read Psalm 145 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Of the four components of the ACTS model for prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication), adoration seems to be the part of prayer that is difficult for many people in the Reformed tradition. Is that true for you? If so, why do you think that is? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Last week's offering General Fund \$8,162.00 Christian Education Fund \$3,076.54

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, it was decided at the December congregational meeting that all cash/checks will now be used as needed unless designated. (You can read more about it [here](#) on page 6.) 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: Read the most recent newsletter from the Crulls [here](#). The latest from the Groenewold-Van Dyks is [here](#). May prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, May 15
Greeters	AM: Isabel C, Mark H, Dennis VP	
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Dennis DJ, John V	
Coffee	Natalie B, Lisa C, Jason H, Marcia W	
Subs	Jo A, Paul C, Pat C, Chris G, Luke H, Ron O	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ↔ Tom C	Andy L ↔ Becca DV
Nursery	AM: Joe & Erin E, Kathy DW	AM: Lee & Jenni M, Jeff & Sara P

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Lisa Christians, Len Rhoda, Eden DeKruyf, Ella Visscher, Lisa Feikema, Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Tom Tazelaar

Happy Anniversary this Week

Eldon & Marcia Westra, John & Becky Stevenson, Rob & Megan Haan, Chris & Jemmie Dyk

Membership Transfers

We are excited to welcome these families as members and are so thankful they are part of the Covenant family!

- Josh, Carlene, Faith, Claire, John, and Ben Van Schouwen have transferred their membership to Covenant from Kenosha CRC in Kenosha, WI.
- Vaughn, Becky, Cora, and Penny Donahue have transferred their membership to Covenant from Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City.

Jaren Brue has transferred his membership to Calvary CRC in Edina, MN.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 8th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) (with Robin's School of Dance)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
Sunday, 15th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)