

**SUNDAY, May 15, 2022**

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## **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 15**, 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. And this morning we have the joy of baptizing Lincoln Fay Rylaarsdam, the son of James and Courtney and the little brother of Rose and Brooklynn. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday, **May 15**, 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Voting for New Council Members**

This Sunday, we plan to vote on new council nominees immediately following the morning service. This year we are replacing two elders and three deacons to serve on Council for the next three-year term. As a reminder, at Covenant CRC we vote to affirm only, so please choose each nominee that you would like to move forward in the nomination process. We will have paper ballots for all professing members 18 and older for you to fill out as you exit the sanctuary. The voting will be open through Sunday, **May 22** for those who aren't able to vote today. The names of the nominees who receive "affirmation" from 2/3 or more of those voting will be eligible for Council. All affirmed names will be placed in a bag and drawn by lot to serve on Council during the Sunday morning service on **May 29**. Thank you to all of those who were willing to allow their name to stand. Elder nominees: June De Wit, Rin Goedhart, Shaun Stiemsma. Deacon nominees: Dan Altena, Jenni Breems, Mark Christians, Pam DeJong, Dwight Van Tol, John Visser.

### **WE Service**

Next Sunday, **May 22**, we will move directly from our morning worship service to lunch and a WE service, an intergenerational gathering of worship and learning together around tables in the fellowship hall. During our last WE service, we focused on the Faith Practice of "Remembering." This month, we will look at another Faith Practice – "Wonder." Lunch will be provided – though we may be asking a pastoral group to bring some desserts, so watch for an email request about that. A freewill donation box will be available to help cover the cost of the meal. We hope you will plan to join us for this time of fellowship and worship together.

### **Families with School-Aged Kids:**

If you have a child in school this coming year (kindergarten through high school), please look for a note from Ruth Clark in your church mailbox if you haven't already found it. Ruth is working on confirming our Christian Education Fund contributions for the upcoming school year and would love to hear from you if something is changing in your child's schooling plans.

### **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).

### **Commissioning Service**

The Rev. Mark & JinHee Klompfen 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, Lakota, 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](http://www.bethelcsc.org) or on Bethel's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Meyers ([vbs@bethelcsc.org](mailto:vbs@bethelcsc.org) or 712-441-5518).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray 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 Prayer: Read Psalm 130 and ponder or discuss the following questions. At what times in your life have you felt that you were in "the depths"? Were you able to pray during those times? Why or why not? The psalmist seems to experience despair and hope simultaneously. What role does hope play in our prayers—and in other parts of our faith formation? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$4,969.17                      Christian Education Fund                      \$3,300.83

## 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 22                         |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 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 | Andy L ♦ Becca DV                  | Nick B ♦ Marty VP                           |
| Nursery          | AM: Lee & Jenni M, Dennis & Pam DJ | AM: Jason & Dani W, Jeff & Sara P           |

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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| Kelly & April Crull<br><a href="mailto:crulls@caimail.net">crulls@caimail.net</a> | Gianni & Georgina Gracia<br><a href="mailto:giannigracia@yahoo.com">giannigracia@yahoo.com</a> | Sos & Kara Maletoungou<br><a href="mailto:smaletoungou@crcna.org">smaletoungou@crcna.org</a> | Mike & Megan Ribbens<br><a href="mailto:mribbens@gmail.com">mribbens@gmail.com</a> | Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk<br><a href="mailto:tvandyk@crncpartners.org">tvandyk@crncpartners.org</a> |
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Will Breems, Chris Dyk, Meghan Vos, John-Patrick McCarthy, Aniah DeKruyf, Zoey Eggebeen*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Ethan & Donna Brue, Mark & Barb Tazelaar*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| <b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b> | 10:00 AM<br>6:00 PM             | Morning Worship<br>Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)         |
| <b>Monday</b>                  | 7:00 PM                         | Full Council Meeting   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>               | 10:00 AM<br>7:00 PM             | Prayer Group<br>Education Committee Meeting                    |
| <b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b> | 10:00 AM<br>11:30 AM<br>6:00 PM | Morning Worship<br>Lunch and WE Service<br>Dialogue and Prayer |