

**SUNDAY, May 22, 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 22**, 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. During this season, Pastor Joel will be preaching through the lectionary texts from the book of Acts. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **WE Service**

This 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 and all are welcome. 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.

### **Upcoming Faith Formation Sunday Evenings**

Today, **May 22**, our WE service will be our second service for this Sunday. In addition, Pastor Joel invites you to join him at 6 PM for a time of prayer. Pastor Joel will share some insights and experiences from the Healing Hearts; Transforming Nations workshop he recently attended, and we will pray for God's Spirit to work healing and new life in and through Covenant. On **May 29**, Pastor Joel will lead another and similar prayer gathering at 6 PM. On **June 5**, Covenant will join other CRC congregations in holding a combined Sunday evening worship service. The service will take place at Faith CRC; Pastor John Lee will preach. Covenant will host a similar summer Sunday evening service on **July 3**.

### **Ascension Day Service**

The council of First CRC, Sioux Center invites your congregation to join us at 7:00 PM on Thursday, **May 26**, for an Ascension Day service of worship. Pastor Kurt Monroe will bring us God's Word from Acts 1:1-11. We hope you can join us in worshipping our risen and ascended King of glory!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

If you haven't yet voted to affirm new council members, please do so today! 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. Paper ballots for all professing members 18 and older are available on the bulletin table. The voting will be open through Sunday, **May 22**. 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.

### **June Courier**

Do you have something you'd like to include in the June Courier? I'll working on it this week, so send any submissions to the office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **May 23**.

### **Intergenerational Choir on Pentecost**

Intergenerational Choir on Pentecost! Calling all singers 5th grade and up! We would like to invite you to sing during our Pentecost service on **June 5**. We'll be singing "Order My Steps," a song recently sung by the 5th through 8th grade choir students at the SCCS choral program. (So we especially need those students!) We will rehearse Sunday morning, **May 29** at 9:00 AM and **June 5** at 9:00 AM.

### **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, 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).

## Lost & Found

Whatever is left on the lost and found table will disappear soon! Check today to see if anything belongs to you!

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

## At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Prayer: Read Mark 9:14-24 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This father's utterance, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" is an honest prayer. He's not trying to impress Jesus; he's asking Jesus to meet him where he is. In what areas of your faith do you experience doubt? How is doubt handled in your church family? Is there room for people to experience both belief and unbelief as they grow in faith? (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                      \$3,310.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$900.00

## 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 29
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	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Jeff P ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Jason & Dani W, Rob & Megan H	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Paul & Ruth C

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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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

*Rowan Haan, Jean Maletoungou, Kurt Vos, Lewis Clark*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Bernie & Kathy DeWit, Mark & Lisa Christians*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Lunch & WE Service Dialogue and Prayer
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Morning Worship Dialogue and Prayer