

SUNDAY, June 5, 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, **June 5**, we celebrate Pentecost and the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the church. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning as well. 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](#).

Joint CRC Evening Service

This Sunday evening, **June 5**, Faith CRC will host a combined service for the Faith, Bethel, Covenant, and First CRC congregations. Pastor John Lee will deliver the message and the offering has been designated for the Faith Mission and Outreach Fund. Following the service, we will enjoy fellowship over root beer floats. (There is no gathering at Covenant.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from the Elders:

The frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper has held a central place in our worship at Covenant Church for many years. Over the last ten years, guided by scripture and encouraged by our denominational Faith Formation Ministries, we have welcomed children of all ages to actively celebrate alongside us. We took our time since this change was not a part of our Covenant worship tradition. This past year, we have explored together the celebration of the Lord's Supper as an integral part of our weekly worship. For some of us, it has been a rich pattern of worship that regularly engages worshipers of all ages and connects us to the historic practices of the church, for others, it has been a new rhythm of worship to adjust to. As we take time to reflect on our worship practices at Covenant, we have decided to celebrate the Lord's Supper monthly during the summer. After experiencing the Lord's Table on a weekly basis from Advent to Pentecost, the council will continue to pray, listen, and learn with the congregation as we seek to discern together the Spirit's leading for our future worship practices at Covenant. We appreciate all the gracious responses and thoughtful reflections that we have received from pastoral groups related to the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Christian Education Fund Update

We're nearing the end of the Christian Education fiscal year which closes on **July 31**. The deacons are very grateful for your giving this year through your offerings and contributions to fundraisers. Our total obligation to SCCS Legacy, OCCS, Unity, and Western for the 2021-2022 year is \$161,525 and we are very close (less than \$5,000) to meeting our obligation through designated "Christian Ed" and divided "use where needed" monetary gifts. Thanks!

-Ruth Clark, on behalf of the deacons



Have you been wondering what the Wyenbergs are up to? Waiting for an invite out to the new place? Or committed the ultimate offense... Driven by without stopping in?! Well, here's your chance to take a Sunday afternoon drive, enjoy time with friends, and breathe the fresh country air! We'd like to invite you all for an open house-ish gathering on either of the first two Sundays in June (**June 5** or **June 12**), whichever works best for you, anytime from 1-5 PM. We'll have coffee and drinks and some light fare, and you can pet Daisy the

dog, chase the ducks, walk through the pasture, and poke around all you like. There is a trampoline and sandbox for kids, along with various rickety structures to climb on and woods to stomp through. If it's hot, we'll set up our medium-sized swimming pool. All are welcome, so feel free to spread the word to anyone we may have missed that would like to come. Bring a little something to add to the table if you like, and throw in your lawn chairs if you can. Other pertinent details: Address: 48469 292nd St., Hudson, SD. The drive is about 30 minutes and there is a mile of gravel. RSVPs would be helpful but not required. Hope to see many of you then!

-The Wyenberg family

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **June 7**. Video: The story of John Nash (Schizophrenia). Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Monumental VBS Registration

Registration for Monumental VBS at Bethel CRC opened on **June 1** and children ages 5-completed 4th grade are welcome to register! Find the registration link on Bethel's website at www.bethelcsc.org or on Bethel's Facebook page. We also need lots of helpers for VBS! If you would like to help with VBS, the volunteer sign up is also available online or on Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Meyers (vbs@bethelcsc.org or 712-441-5518).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Wonder: Read Acts 2:1-21 and ponder or discuss the following questions. On this Pentecost Sunday, what do you wonder about the Acts 2 story? What surprises you or fills you with awe? How might you have reacted if you were part of the international crowd in Jerusalem and you heard the Gospel message for the first time in your own language? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Last week's offering General Fund \$1,159.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,145.54

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: The latest newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's June prayer requests 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, June 12 |
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| Greeters | AM: Ed B, Dave S, Sherri TN | |
| Ushers | AM: Marge DB, Rin G, Cal J | |
| Coffee | Jo F, Rock MC, Linda V, John Z | |
| Subs | Wil A, Mark C, Steve C, Deb H, Marcy H, Andy L | |
| Sound/Projection | Dennis DJ ✦ Rebecca DV | Dennis DJ ✦ ?? |
| Nursery | AM: Jeff & Sara P, Jake & Trena VW | AM: Eldon & Marcia W, Kurt & Sharon V |

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jo Faber, Corrie DeVries, Naomi Ploegstra, Jake Van Wyk, June Brands, Jeri Schelhaas, William Clark, Sarah Hawley, Amira Ribbens

Happy Anniversary this Week

Joe & Erin Eggebeen, David & Anna Westfall, Don & Sherri Ten Napel, Marty & Kris Vander Plaats, Mike & Megan Ribbens, Ross & Lisa Feikema

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday, 5th | 9:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Joint CRC Worship Service at Faith CRC (Pastor John Lee preaching) |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group |
| Sunday, 12th | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) |