

**SUNDAY, June 12, 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, **June 12**, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, a day to acknowledge the mystery, power, and beauty of the Triune God. Pastor Joel will be preaching from the lectionary. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday, **June 12**, 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**

### **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.

### **From the Building Committee:**

There are FREE rocks to be had in the garden in front of the parsonage – please help yourself! Contact a member of the Building Committee with any questions.

### **Announcements from Hope Haven:**

- Hope Haven invites you to the 32nd Annual Golf Benefit at the Dakota Dunes Country Club on **June 15**. There is a \$150 registration fee which includes 18 holes of golf, grilled lunch, entry gift, and prizes. Space is limited and spots are filling up quickly! Register at [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org) or call 712-476-3116 for more information.
- Hope Haven will be hosting Gospel Music in the Park on **June 17 & 18**, at Central Park in Sioux Center. This event will feature multiple groups and soloists performing gospel music. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the sunshine and music in the park! Visit [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org) for more information.

### **Monumental VBS Registration**

Registration for Monumental VBS taking place **July 18-21** 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.bethelsc.org](http://www.bethelsc.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@bethelsc.org](mailto:vbs@bethelsc.org) or 712-441-5518).

### **Christmas In July**

The Bible League Christmas in July will be Monday, **July 25**, at Immanuel CRC in Orange City. Mark your calendar and plan now so you are ready for the silent auction.

### **Heart Health & Dordt University**

Here's a chance for you to learn more about your heart health, and to help raise awareness for others at the same time! Recently, a mutation in the PLN gene encoding for cardiac muscle cell regulation has been discovered to affect individuals with Dutch ancestry. Since it is a genetic condition, the PLN mutation is passed along from generation to generation, and carriers of the mutation may experience a decreased lifespan as well as cardiac heart failure symptoms. A research group at Dordt University is developing a study to raise awareness of this mutation and to help people understand the impacts of the mutation on families. If you are interested in learning more about PLN and its effects, please contact Lucy Borkowski ([lcyrkws19@dordt.edu](mailto:lcyrkws19@dordt.edu)) and follow the PLN Genetic Mutation Awareness Facebook Page.

### At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Wonder: Read Psalm 139 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This song is an amazing expression of wonder. Read the first 18 verses. What wonderings does this passage prompt in you? Do you often go through your day with this kind of wonder and awe? If not, what do you think hinders you? What practices might help you recapture a sense of childlike wonder more regularly? What aspect of God's character fills you with awe? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$2,615.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$1,675.00

### 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: 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 19
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 ♦ Dane H	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Eldon & Marcia W, Jake & Trena VW	AM: Dave & Emily K, Chris & Rin G

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Joya Breems, Cal Jongmsa, Faby Addink, Jeremy Hummel*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Lee & Jenni Mellema, Les & Lila Sybesma, Terry & Jill Friend, Kurt & Sharon Vos, Marv & Mary Wielard, Dale & June Brands*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	Elders Meeting
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)