

SUNDAY, July 3, 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, **July 3**, in this season after Pentecost, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the lectionary, focusing on the passages from Galatians. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **July 3**, 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. This evening, our Vespers service will be a joint service with Bethel, Faith, and First CRC with Pastor Bob Pollema from Faith CRC offering the message.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Conversation

Pastor Joel invites you to regather in the sanctuary about ten minutes after our morning worship service today, **July 3**. We will hold what we can call a "congregational conversation" or an "edifying engagement." With respect to the second title, we will emphasize speaking our deepest convictions in ways that do not tear down others but, rather, build up fellow members in the body of Christ. Our topic will be the decisions made at the 2022 Synod gathering. And we will keep our minds open to the Spirit leading us into other topics as well.

Staff Out of the Office

Just a reminder that church staff will be taking some time off during the month of July. Sara will be out of the office **June 30-July 10** and there will be limited office presence next week. Pastor Joel will be out taking vacation time from **July 7-20**. Please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon with any pastoral concerns or prayer requests during this time. Rebecca will be taking some time off beginning **July 9** through the rest of the month.

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard???

It's that time again – time for some backyard fellowship with our Third Annual Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard. The event takes place Sunday, **July 24** at 6 PM. Here's how it works:

- Sign up to attend or host a small gathering.
- Small Groups will be assigned randomly, and you won't know whose backyard you are headed to/who will be showing up at your place until the day of!
- We'll share a true potluck meal—just bring some "Sunday Night Fare" to share with your group—crackers and cheese, popcorn, sandwiches. You choose. Hosts will be asked to provide a beverage. All will be asked to bring chairs and tableware.
- We'll spend time in fellowship and also learning about the faith practice of hospitality.

Consider inviting new people to the community, neighbors, college students, etc to be a part of your family group. Sign up in the back of church or [online](#). See the [July Courier](#) for more info.

Looking for a Vehicle

Our Ukrainian family will be coming soon! Can you help them by locating a reliable, low-cost vehicle? We are open to any ideas: short term use, rent, or buy. Please contact Verlyn De Wit (verlyndw@mtcnet.net) if you have any questions or ideas.

Looking for Projection/Video Operators

Are you willing to worship by a computer approximately one Sunday out of six? We are looking for a few more folks to run the projection and livestream. High school students – this might be the job for you! Contact Rebecca De Vries if interested.

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.

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, **July 5**. Speakers: Dar and Bev Hurni — Living with Schizophrenia. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Monumental VBS Volunteers

Monumental VBS needs volunteers! Monumental VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 18-21** and we still need lots of volunteers! If you are willing to help with VBS, please sign up online at bethelcsc.org. Registration is also still open for children ages 5-completed 4th grade!

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Remembering: Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you come from a family that loves God, how did the adults in your family pass along their love of God to the children? If you don't come from a family where faith was important, how has that impacted your own faith formation? How might your church family help remind each other of all God has done? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenton.

Last week's offering General Fund \$6,322.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,729.00

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: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, July 10
Greeters	AM: Ed B, Dave S, Sherri TN	AM: Bob DS, Daryl H, Jason W
Ushers	AM: Marge DB, Rin G, Cal J	AM: Sharon D, Rachel L, Stan VB
Coffee	Jo F, Rock MC, Linda V, John Z	Jan B, Megan H, Sarah H, Tricia K
Subs	Wil A, Mark C, Steve C, Deb H, Marcy H, Andy L	Rebecca DS, Cheri H, Sally J, Carol O, Beth VB, Jake VW
Sound/Projection	Nick B + Jason W	Jeff P + Dane H
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Duane & Jan B PM: Mark & Lisa C, Marcy H	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Steve & Pat C

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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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Merrill McCarthy, Mary Dengler, Gidge Meyer, Isabel Castelan, Sabine Feikema, Luke Hawley, Sharon Vos, Tom Clark

Happy Anniversary this Week

James & Courtney Rylaarsdam, Chris & Rin Goedhart

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 3rd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Congregational Conversation
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) (Joint CRC Service, Bob Pollema preaching)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 10th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Dr. Gayle Doornbos preaching)