

**SUNDAY, July 17, 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, **July 17**, we welcome Rylan Brue to preach here at Covenant while Pastor Joel is on vacation. Rylan recently graduated from Dordt University with degrees in Theology and Philosophy. He will be moving to Grand Rapids to attend Calvin Seminary in their MDiv program. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday, **July 17**, there is no evening gathering at 6:00 PM.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Staff Out of the Office**

Just a reminder that our church staff will be taking some time off during the month of July. 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. Please 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](#) by **July 22**. See the [July Courier](#) for more info.

### **Interested in Helping with Cadets?**

The Cadet program is looking at adding 4th grade as the starting grade. To do so we are asking for men who would be willing to volunteer as a counselor. We are also looking for volunteers who might be willing to help with various crafts and extra activities but might not be able to make every meeting. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jeff De Boer ([jeff.deboer@interstates.com](mailto:jeff.deboer@interstates.com) or 712-441-6249).

### **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](mailto:verlyndw@mtcnet.net)) if you have any questions or ideas.

### **High School Choir Opportunity**

All rising 9th graders through recently-graduated seniors are invited to join a choir which will sing at the **August 7<sup>th</sup>** combined evening worship service at First CRC. There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, **August 6** at 3:00 PM at First. Questions? Email Jennifer Monroe ([kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com)).

### **Monumental VBS**

Monumental VBS is this week at Bethel! We have a little over 100 kids and about 50 volunteers signed up to Celebrate God's Greatness! Thank you to everyone who signed up to help! You are invited to the program on Thursday at 8:00 PM at Bethel. We ask for prayers this week that God's name will be glorified and that we will have a safe and blessed week!

### **PLN Genetic Mutation Information Night**

Anyone interested in learning more about the PLN genetic mutation causing cardiac conditions in people with Dutch ancestry is invited to attend an information night at Covenant CRC on Tuesday, **July 26** at 7:00 PM. Dr. Dean Jansen, the secretary of the North American PLN Heart Foundation will be in attendance to answer questions. Refreshments will be provided.

### Crossroads Prison Ministries Meet & Greet

Crossroads Prison Ministries will be hosting a meet and greet on Tuesday, **July 26**, from 7:00-8:00 PM at Faith CRC in Sioux Center. Come meet President/CEO Joe Pryor, and Director of Church Mobilization Douglas Cupery. Bring a friend, enjoy fellowship with other Crossroads mentors, and learn how you can get involved in this ministry opportunity!

### Mark Charles Presentation, Q&A, Book Signing

Northwestern College and Trinity Church are hosting Mark Charles at the Orange City campus for a presentation, Q&A, and book signing on Thursday, **July 28** at 7:15 PM. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, Mark teaches with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and reconciliation for the nation.

### At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Remembering: Read Psalm 103 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What helps you remember the goodness of God? If someone asked you to tell them about “all [God’s] benefits” in your life, which benefits would you remember? What stands out in your past and in your family history? (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 New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

**Last week’s offering**                      General Fund                      \$3,680.50                      Christian Education Fund                      \$1,663.74

### 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 24
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Bob DS, Daryl H, Jason W	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Sharon D, Rachel L, Stan VB	
<b>Coffee</b>	Jan B, Megan H, Sarah H, Tricia K	
<b>Subs</b>	Rebecca DS, Cheri H, Sally J, Carol O, Beth VB, Jake VW	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP	Dennis DJ ♦ Tom C
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Alejandro & Isabel C	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Bob & Rebecca DS

### 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

*Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats, Miriam Groenewold*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Justin & Melissa Bailey*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Rylan Brue preaching)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Guess Who’s Coming to the Backyard