

SUNDAY, July 24, 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 24**, we're grateful that Pastor Joel is back from vacation and back in the pulpit! He will be preaching from Galatians for the next few weeks. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **July 17**, there is no evening worship gathering at 6:00 PM, but we hope many of you will be participating in the Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard event!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard???

For those of you who have signed up for the Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard, here's a few notes to remember:

- The event takes place Sunday, **July 24** at 6 PM.
- Drive through church between 5:45 and 6:00 on Sunday to pick up the address for the backyard you'll be heading to.
- 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 learning about the faith practice of hospitality.

August Courier

Do you have something to include in the August Courier? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **July 25!**

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 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) 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 7th** 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).

Sweet Corn Legacy Plan Fundraiser

The New Life Reformed Legacy Plan group is taking pre-orders for sweet corn! We expect the corn to be ready starting **August 1**. Freewill donation. Contact Anna Fedders (712-441-2168) or Erin Olson (712-348-5124) to place your order!

Christmas In July

Monday, **July 25**, is Christmas in July for NW IA Bible League. All are invited – men and women – to Immanuel CRC, (1405 Albany NE, Orange City). A short program will begin at 1:30 PM, followed by the silent auction.

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 Luke 22:14-20 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do you think the disciples would have remembered most about that Passover meal? What might help you remember the great depths of Jesus' sacrifice when you come to the Lord's Table? What might also help you remember the great joy of the resurrection? (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 Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,911.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,648.00

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 31
Greeters		AM: Bob DS, Daryl H, Jason W
Ushers		AM: Sharon D, Rachel L, Stan VB
Coffee		Jan B, Megan H, Sarah H, Tricia K
Subs		Rebecca DS, Cheri H, Sally J, Carol O, Beth VB, Jake VW
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ + Tom C	Doug DeBoer + Jason Wyenberg
Nursery	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: John & Linda V, Tricia K

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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pastor Gianni Gracia, Samantha Hummel, Jacob Vander Plaats, Eldon Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma, Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard
Monday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM	Morning Worship