WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click <u>here</u> 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 31**, Pastor Joel will continue to preach from the book of Galatians. Here is a link to the <u>mobile-friendly</u> worship guide.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening: Sunday Evening Baptism

This Sunday, **July 31**, there is no evening worship gathering at 6:00 PM in our building, but we invite you to witness the baptism by immersion of Jane Taylor. We will gather at 7:00 PM at Sandy Hollow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Email List

Do you worship regularly at Covenant and would like to be added to our church email list to get all the news and updates? Email the church office and we'll add you! (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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).

Refugee House Cleaning

Join us for a house refresh and cleaning on Monday, August 8 from 6-8 PM. Check the Courier for more information.

August Courier

The August Courier is in your mailbox and can be found here.

Assistance for the Crulls

If you're interested in helping to smooth the transition for Kelly and April Crull and their kids as they move back to the United States, check out their latest newsletter (linked in "Helpful Links" at the end of the announcements) and check out the list of things they need here: tinyurl.com/crullfam

Sunday School Need for Volunteers!

Do you enjoy working with elementary-aged children? We need some help. Please consider the following needs:

- Teacher for Grades 5-6: Join Chris Goedhart in teaching this delightful group of students. Our Sunday School structure allows flexibility for you to coordinate with Chris to decide which Sundays you'll teach.
- Teacher for Grades 1-2: We need a teacher for the second half of the school year (January May).
- Helpers for Grades 3-4: Looking for 1-2 volunteers, college age or older. With our large group of grades 3-4, it'd be nice to have another set of hands. No teaching responsibilities, just helping out our lead teachers (Jenni Breems or Lisa Christians) with this fun group of students.

Please talk to Ruth Clark (402.429.5634) with questions or interest.

Fellowship Committee Opportunity

Dear covenant friends, we are thinking about fellowshipping! We are asking for a few volunteers who would like to put some thought and grit into getting some engaging events off the ground over the next few years by serving on our Fellowship Committee! June De Wit is the council contact (712.441 4140) if you have any questions or interest.

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).

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!

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, **August 2**. Video: My Mental Illness Recovery Journey. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Remembering: Read Hebrews 11:1–12:2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do the actions of the people mentioned—such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses—have in common? What does it mean to act "by faith"? Do you have family "faith stories" that you tell about your parents or other ancestors? If so, what are they? How do you share them with younger generations? (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 United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

Last week's offering General Fund \$1,499.51 Christian Education Fund \$683.00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click <u>here</u>. 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, August 7	
Greeters	AM: Bob DS, Daryl H, Jason W	AM: Mark MC, Barb T, Kris VP	
Ushers	AM: Sharon D, Rachel L, Stan VB AM: Lee R, Marty VP, Marv W		
Coffee	Jan B, Megan H, Sarah H, Tricia K	Dan A, Joan MC, James R, Dani W	
Subs	Rebecca DS, Cheri H, Sally J, Carol O, Beth VB, Jake VW	ake VW Dennis DJ, Rob H, Jason H, Dennis VP, Channon V, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Andy Landman → Jason Wyenberg	Andy Landman → Dane Hibma	
Nursery	AM: John & Linda V. Tricia K AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV. Barb T		

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull Gianni & Georgina Gracia Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk crulls@caimail.net giannigracia@yahoo.com smaletoungou@crcna.org mribbens@gmail.com tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Marge De Boer, Ruth Clousing, Pat Eggebeen, Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Faith Van Schouwen, Laurey Zwart, Caden Zonnefeld, Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema

Happy Anniversary this Week

Jeremy & Kristi Hummel, Verlyn & June De Wit, Ryan & Angela Hannigan

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT				
Sunday, 31 st	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Worship Baptism of Jane Taylor (at Sandy Hollow)		
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group		
Saturday	3:00 PM	Combined Service High School Choir Practice (at First CRC)		
Sunday, 7 th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)		