

SUNDAY, August 7, 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, **August 7**, Pastor Joel is beginning a new series on what it means to be "God's New People," in our time of uncertainty, polarization, and searching. He will preach from scripture passages that flow into "Our World Belongs to God," the Contemporary Testimony of the CRC, focusing on the section entitled "God's New People." Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening: Sunday Evening Baptism

This Sunday, **August 7**, there is no evening worship gathering in our building, but First CRC welcomes you to a combined CRC worship service at 6:00 PM. Pastor Kurt Monroe will lead the service and Pastor Joel Kok will open God's Word. The offering will go to Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City. Please stay for ice cream sundaes and fellowship following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Conversation; Edifying Engagement

A few minutes after our morning worship today, **August 7**, we will hold a conversation—an edifying engagement—regarding the Lord's Supper at Covenant. We will hear some thoughts and have some dialogue regarding what our Lord does in this sacrament and how we can respond. We invite everyone to participate; we will conclude by noon at the latest.

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.

Community Prayer Service

On Wednesday evening, **August 10**, we will hold a community prayer gathering at Covenant from 7:30-9:00 PM. We will begin with some thoughts and testimonies regarding connections that build bridges among people from different backgrounds and communities. Then we will join into Jesus' prayer in John 17. Amy Westra will speak first; Alex Vasquez will oversee the middle time in the gathering, and Pastor Joel Kok will oversee the concluding half hour of prayer. We welcome everyone to join us.

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 US, 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.
- 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.

GEMS & Cadets Volunteers Needed

- The Northstar GEMS program is looking for ladies of all ages with willing hearts to pour into the lives of our 4th-8th grade girls. You do not need to be crafty to be a counselor; you only need to have love for Jesus and girls! Valerie would love to answer any questions you might have (northstar_gems@hotmail.com or 712.449.8150).
- 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).

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)

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Service: Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What does serving the Lord "with all your heart and with all your soul" mean to you? How would you know if you were indeed serving God with all your heart and soul? What might be different about your daily life? What might be the same? How would you describe this type of wholehearted service to a child? (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 Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddie Olguin.

Last week's offering General Fund \$3,242.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,653.50

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](#). ReFrame Ministry's August prayer requests are [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 14
Greeters	AM: Mark MC, Barb T, Kris VP	
Ushers	AM: Lee R, Marty VP, Marv W	
Coffee	Dan A, Joan MC, James R, Dani W	
Subs	Dennis DJ, Rob H, Jason H, Dennis VP, Channon V, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Dane H	Nick B ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Barb T	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Ethan & Donna B

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

George Faber, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra, Carlene Van Schouwen, Dani Wyenberg, Kathleen Van Tol

Happy Anniversary this Week

Jeff & Sara Ploegstra, Ron & Carol Oostra, Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Benjamin & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 7th	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Morning Worship Joint CRC Worship at First CRC (Pastor Joel preaching)
Monday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Refugee House Cleaning (214 1 st Ave. SE) Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Prayer Group Community Prayer Service
Sunday, 14th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)