

SUNDAY, August 14, 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 14**, Pastor Joel continues his 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

This Sunday, **August 14**, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Need for Volunteers!

Do you enjoy working with elementary-aged children? We're looking for 1-2 volunteers, college age or older to be helpers for grades 3-4. With our large group of kids in this age group, 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)

Collection for Ukrainian Assistance

You are invited to share Christ's love with Ukrainian people who struggle to have basic needs met. Donations of diapers (sizes 3,4,5), new washcloths and hand towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, disposable dishes (plates, bowls, cups, silverware), new socks and underwear (children & adults) may be brought to the donation trailer in the Centre Mall parking lot Sunday, **August 14** (1-5 PM) and Monday, **August 15** (9am-5 PM). Items will then be transported by Orphan Grain Train to Ukraine, Romania, and Moldova to those in need. You can find more information in our [August Courier](#) on page 3.)

Kelly Kopic at Dordt University

Kelly Kopic, author of *Embodied Hope: A Theological Meditation on Pain and Suffering*, will be speaking at Dordt University on Monday, **August 22**, from 7:30-8:30 PM in SB1606. Kopic addresses the hard questions about pain and suffering without giving easy answers. Looking at Scripture as well as sharing from his own family's experience, Kopic points the reader to the example of Jesus, whose own pain and suffering provided us with hope of being lifted out of our own dark valleys.

Love & Learn Classes

Are you or someone you know interested in taking a class that will contribute to personal growth and development? Love INC is offering 12-week classes every Tuesday night beginning **August 30**. The classes being offered this fall are Faith &

Finances, Redemptive Compassion, Boundaries, Parenting, and Grief Share. For more information visit the Love INC Sioux County web page. To register for a class email ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org or call 712-476-5990.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Service: Read Mark 10:42-45 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you know someone who is an example of a “servant-leader”? What do you think motivates that person? In what areas of life are you a leader? How can you also serve in those areas? How might you cultivate the heart of a servant in imitation of Jesus? (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 Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$6,244.50 Christian Education Fund \$3,245.50

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 21
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	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Jeff P ♦ Rebecca DV
Nursery	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Barb T	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Laura J

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
crulls@caimail.net

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
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Deb Hibma, Blake Stiemsma, Steve Crull, Barb Mellema, Shaun Stiemsma

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ryan & Amie Smit, John & Laurey Zwart, Jake & Trena Van Wyk, Del & Lois Vander Zee

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 14th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Saturday	9:00 AM	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
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