

SUNDAY, August 28, 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 28**, 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 28**, 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

September Courier

The September Courier is in your church mailbox and can be found [here](#).

Pizza, Parents, and Profession of Faith

Pastor Joel and Tricia would love to gather with our younger members and their families over pizza on a Friday night. We can enjoy the food, get to know one another better, and explore matters of faith. Some of our young people are considering profession of faith; some have already professed, and others haven't been considering it yet. You are all invited! We can plan to meet on Friday **September 2** and/or Friday **September 9**. The gathering would begin at 5:30 PM and end around 7 PM. Please let me know if you have interest or questions in regard to these gatherings. You can contact me at joelekok@gmail.com or 712-441-9993.

All Church Picnic

We will kick off the Sunday School year with an all church picnic at Children's Park after our morning service on Sunday, **September 11**. Again this year we will be sharing a potluck lunch with each family bringing a hot and cold dish to share along with their own table service. (Singles can just bring one dish.) Drinks will be provided. Serving will begin shortly after 12:00 PM and we encourage any Dordt students and guests to join us! (Table service will be provided for Dordt students and guests – no need to bring anything!)

Interested in a Small Group?

The Small Group Ministry at Covenant seeks to enfold members—families, couples, singles, and students—into groups that meet regularly (once or twice a month) for fellowship, study, worship, prayer, and outreach. Mostly, they aim to build community at Covenant. Groups are inter-generational and are definitely family friendly. We hope to incorporate new folks into groups in September. Sound interesting? Ready to join? Or need more information? Sign up in the back of church or contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith at bdesmith@mtcnet.net.

Youth Intern

Covenant is seeking a college student to work with our youth sponsors as a Youth Intern! This Youth Intern position is charged with assisting the adult youth sponsors of the youth group with planning and implementing effective group meetings and other youth group events. Work will average approximately 2-4 hours per week with a somewhat flexible schedule. The paid position preferably begins by mid-September and is expected to last until the school year is finished. If interested in more information, contact the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net).

Volunteer opportunity:

Someone is needed to join Andy Landman and Nick Breems (and, hopefully, an intern from Dordt) on a leadership team to serve the youth of the church. Women of Covenant are especially encouraged to consider being a part of our young peoples' program since our leadership is all male at this point. Please contact Len Rhoda or Ross Feikema if you are interested.

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)

Dordt Faculty Recital

Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ, will be presenting a faculty recital on Saturday, **September 3**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Casavant organ has recently undergone major repair, and this recital will celebrate the work completed to restore this instrument.

NAMI Program

The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center this fall if there is enough interest. The 8-week course is free and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (712-441-4054). For more information, please call today!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering General Fund \$2,570.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,310.00

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](#). 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, September 4
Greeters	AM: Mark MC, Barb T, Kris VP	AM: Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Eldon W
Ushers	AM: Lee R, Marty VP, Marv W	AM: Wil A, Lisa C, Mark H
Coffee	Dan A, Joan MC, James R, Dani W	Ed B, Rin G, Andy L, Sarah S
Subs	Dennis DJ, Rob H, Jason H, Dennis VP, Channon V, Kurt V	George F, Sherri TN, Del VZ, Linda V, Marcia W, John Z
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Tom C	Doug DB ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Channon & Joni V, Ron & Carol O	AM: Shaun & Sarah S, Jason & Sara H

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

Elise Stiemsma, Dave Schelhaas, Melissa Bailey

Birthday Celebration

On Monday, **August 29**, Dave Schelhaas would love to have you stop by The Fruited Plain to help him celebrate his 80th birthday! Come between 3 and 6 PM. Beverages will be served.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 28th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Friday	5:30 PM	Pizza, Parents, and Profession of Faith
Sunday, 4th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)