

**SUNDAY, September 11, 2022**

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## **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, **September 11**, Pastor Joel continues a 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." Today we also celebrate the baptism of Jones Henry Mellema, son of Lee and Jenni, and the little brother of Auden, Alyda, and Rue. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday, **September 11**, 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **All Church Picnic**

We will kick off the Sunday School year with an all church picnic at Children's Park after our morning service today, **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!)

### **Cadet Registration**

Cadet Registration night will be held at 7 PM on Wednesday, **September 14** at Faith CRC. All 4th-8th graders are welcome. We will need at least one parent to accompany their son to fill out forms and hear details for the coming year. Cost is \$35 for 6th-8th grades and \$45 for 4th-5th. If you have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer ([fcbcadets@gmail.com](mailto:fcbcadets@gmail.com) or 712-441-6249).

### **Parsonage/Outdoor Clean-up Day**

We're planning to do some outdoor clean up on Saturday, **September 17** at 9:00 AM! Come to the front of the parsonage to help get the front yard looking good. Bring along shovels, pruners, wheelbarrows, muscles, etc.

### **Pork 'N Bands is Back!**

Put **September 17** on your calendar and bring the whole family to the Fruited Plain for a smoked pork bun and live music! Food will be served from 5:30-7:00 PM and will also be available in to-go boxes. Once again, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the meal and we will need some help from the congregation. Sign-up sheets for donating items and/or working the night of the event are on the table in the back of church or sign up online (click [here to donate items](#) and click [here to volunteer](#)), and reach out to Christian Education Committee with any questions!

### **Calling All Ladies!**

Come for an informal gathering of fellowship, muffins, coffee, juice on Saturday, **October 1** at 9 AM. We'd love to talk about what you'd like to do as a group of fun, friendly, females of Covenant. Outings? Bible Study? Dinners? Movies? Afterwards, you may join us at Heritage Village to see the quilt show on display. Questions? Call Rin (722-4394) or Deb (722-3121)

### **For Your Baking Needs...**

Our Ukrainian friend, Olga Riazantseva is a fabulous baker and would appreciate opportunities for providing cakes and pastries for any celebrations you may be planning. She uses fresh and natural ingredients only. You can contact the Riazantsevs at Illia's email: [ryazanceviilya@gmail.com](mailto:ryazanceviilya@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)).

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

We're looking for someone to join Andy Landman and Nick Breems (and, hopefully, an intern from Dordt) on a leadership team to serve the youth of Covenant. Women are especially encouraged to consider being a part of our young peoples' program since our leadership is all male so far. Please contact Len Rhoda or Ross Feikema if you are interested.

### **Bible League Dinner & Conference**

All are invited to the **September 19** Bible League dinner and the daylong conference on Tuesday, **September 20**. Both events will be held at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center. The keynote speakers are Mike & Lynn Wilder and friends of Bible League. For more details or to register online, go to [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). Registration closes on **September 12**.

### **Dordt Music Events**

- The Dordt University Bands and Orchestra present their annual pops concert on Friday, **September 16** at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The theme for this year is Disney and Pixar! Come join the Dordt musicians as they take you on a trip through not only the masterworks movies from the past, but the great new additions to the animated movie library! If you are brave enough, grab a costume and dress as your favorite character from your favorite Disney or Pixar movie!
- Guest organist Arjan Breukhoven will present a concert at Dordt University on Saturday, **September 17** at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. It will include congregational hymn-singing, solo organ playing, improvisation, and a

collaboration with the Dordt University Concert Choir. Born in Rotterdam, Arjan studied music at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague. An international concert organist both at home and Europe, USA, Russia, and Australia, Arjan recently completed several tours in Europe, and in 2023 is scheduled for a concert tour to Australia. As an organist and as a pianist he had developed his own, wide-ranging style of improvisation.

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

**Last week’s offering**                      General Fund                      \$6,649.50                      Christian Education Fund                      \$3,815.40

**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, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. 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 September 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 18
Greeters	AM: Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Eldon W	
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Lisa C, Mark H	
Coffee	Ed B, Rin G, Andy L, Sarah S	
Subs	George F, Sherri TN, Del VZ, Linda V, Marcia W, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB + Marty VP	Andy L + Dane H
Nursery	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Dave & Jeri S	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Jo F

**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  
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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**

*Laura DeKruyf, Adam Kramer, Kelly Crull*

**Membership Transfers...**

We are excited about the following membership additions at Covenant:

- Deb DeJong has transferred her membership to Covenant from Calvary CRC in Orange City.
- Brad, Kendra, Kiara, and Iliana Hickey have transferred their membership from Shepherd of the Sierras Presbyterian Church in Rocklin, CA.
- Jeremy, Kristi, Morgan, Benjamin, Claire, Brandon, and Samantha Hummel have transferred their membership to Covenant from Faith CRC in Sioux Center.
- Rose, Sevriena, Louis, Felix, and Hugo Postma have transferred their membership from Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church in Shippensburg, PA. (Phil is an unofficial member for now!)

We welcome each of them and are excited to have them officially become part of the Covenant family!

**Thank You!**

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and being an encouraging family of faith to us during this time of sending my father home. His (and our) only comfort rests in the belief that we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who, by his Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life (excerpted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day One).  
 -Laurey and John Zwart

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Picnic (at Children’s Park)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 PM	Pork ‘N Bands (at the Fruited Plain Café)
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)