

**SUNDAY, May 14, 2023**

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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**

Today, **May 14**, we continue our celebration of the risen Christ in this season of Eastertide! Pastor Joel will continue a series working through the lectionary passages from I Peter. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Vespers**

This Sunday evening, 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**

### **From the Council**

We will be briefly drawing names for new office bearers immediately following the service today, **May 14**. You are welcome to grab your coffee and then join the outgoing office members at the front of the sanctuary as we select the new office bearers from the affirmed nominations from last week's vote.

### **Spring Offering of Thanks**

The Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes have been placed in your church mailboxes. We invite you to use this offering opportunity as a way to donate to causes not included in our church budget. We would like to collect the envelopes by **May 21**. Please place them in the collection boxes or mail them to church. Extra envelopes are on the back table.

### **Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering**

Last week you had an opportunity to take a few slips of paper as suggestions for things to bring back for the Mid-Sioux Reverse offering. If you haven't yet grabbed slips of paper, feel free to do so this week, or just bring in some items as you are able by **May 21**. You can find more information about it in the [May Courier](#) (pg.6-7).

### **Baby Shower!**

Let's celebrate the birth of Gavin William Ver Steeg! We invite you to bring gifts to the basket on the table in the fellowship hall. After the baptism service on **May 28**, Daniel, Erika, and Gavin will greet parishioners at the back of the sanctuary. The Ver Steegs will bring the gifts home so they can open them with their family. You are welcome to bring gift cards or money to the church office as well. Let's welcome this new baby to our Covenant family!

### **From the Deacons:**

It appears that work could begin on our recently approved roofing project already in June, at which time we will need to pay 50% of the cost. We expect to finalize the Building Finance Committee membership by May 15, but, for now, please contact Covenant's Treasurer, John Visser, if you would consider lending to Covenant to finance this project.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the water softener salt sale a success again this year! We literally couldn't do it without you! It was a cold morning – I think the coldest in the 7 years that I have been doing the salt sale – but we managed to deliver 3369 bags of salt! Covenant's share of the profits was \$4,532.88 which goes toward meeting our Christian Education commitments.  
*-Emily Kramer and the Christian Education Committee*

### **Habitat for Humanity Adopt a Stud**

Interested in decorating a stud for the Habitat for Humanity home in Sioux Center? For a \$100 donation you can! We hope to frame the home by the end of May, so if you are interested, e-mail Steve Crull ([sprull@mtcnet.net](mailto:sprull@mtcnet.net)) to arrange a delivery.

### **Ascension Day Service**

First CRC of Sioux Center invites you to an Ascension Day service of worship on Thursday, **May 18** at 7:00 PM. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we worship our risen and ascended King!

### **Vacation Bible School**

Stellar VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 17-20** and registration for attendees opens **May 15**. Children ages 5 through completed 4th grade are welcome to sign up! We also need many volunteers for VBS! The sign-up link for both registration and volunteers can be found at [www.bethelsc.org](http://www.bethelsc.org) or on Bethel's Facebook page.

## New Roots Opportunity

Feel fulfillment as you bear Good News in dark and lonely places. On a Friday afternoon for four hours, let's dig into God's Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and then talk with those who don't know Him. Learn about Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum and its dates, and sign-up at [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries) Questions? Contact Fred Wilgenburg of New Roots Ministry (605-376-6330, [sfnewroots@gmail.com](mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com)).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$4,864.50                      Christian Education Fund                      \$6,753.38

## 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' April newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's May 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, May 21
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Tim K, Ryan Z	
Ushers	AM: Dan A, Paul C, Verlyn DW	
Coffee	Marge DB, Rebecca DS, Mark H, Dennis VP, Marty VP	
Subs	Wil A, Dennis DJ, Deb H, Rock MC, Sherri TN, Del VZ	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Terry F	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Laura J	AM: Jason & Sara H, Channon & Joni V

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
[crulls@caimail.net](mailto:crulls@caimail.net)

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
[smaletoungou@acsi.org](mailto:smaletoungou@acsi.org)

Mike & Megan Ribbens  
[mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com)

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
[tvandy@crncpartners.org](mailto:tvandy@crncpartners.org)

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Lisa Feikema, Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Tom Tazelaar, Will Breems, Chris Dyk, Meghan Vos, John-Patrick McCarthy, Aniah DeKruyf, Zoey Eggebeen*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Chris & Jemmie Dyk, Ethan & Donna Brue, Mark & Barb Tazelaar*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) Sunday Evening Bible Study