

**SUNDAY, May 21, 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 21**, we continue our celebration of the risen Christ in this season of Eastertide! We also remember that today is Ascension Sunday, and we worship a Savior who is seated at the right hand of God, ruling over and interceding for us. Pastor Joel will complete the I Peter series with a look at chapter 5. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Formation Gathering**

Members Joya Breems and Tammy Lief, along with Tammy's colleague, Stephanie Behrens, will speak tonight at our 6:00 PM Formation Gathering. These three fellow disciples have worked to assist others in a way that can help us all grow in awareness of burdens people bear and ways we can come alongside. After opening presentations, we will engage in question and answer dialogue, and we invite everyone to participate.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **From the Council**

Today during our morning worship service, we will install our new elders (Mark Christians, Chris Goedhart, Cal Jongsma) and deacons (Kristi Hummel, Lee Mellema, Josh Van Schouwen) who were drawn last Sunday. Thanks again to all who were willing to let their names stand.

### **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**

A few weeks ago 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).

### **June Courier**

Do you have something you'd like to include in this month's newsletter? Send it to the church office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **May 22**!

### **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:**

Work could begin on our recently approved roofing project already in June, at which time we will need to pay 50% of the cost. If you would consider lending to Covenant to finance this project, please contact our Treasurer, John Visser, to discuss interest rates and maturity options.

### **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 ([spcrull@mtcnet.net](mailto:spcrull@mtcnet.net)) to arrange a delivery.

### **Hope Haven Fishing Benefit**

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 25th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on Friday, **June 2**, starting at 7:00 AM at Fort Randall Dam in Pickstown, SD. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes a Frosted Frog Tumbler, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, **June 1**. For more information and to register, visit [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events) or call Scott Koedam (712-476-2820).

## Vacation Bible School

Stellar VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 17-20** and registration for attendees opened **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.bethelcsc.org](http://www.bethelcsc.org) or on Bethel's Facebook page.

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$1,678.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$1,692.00

## 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, 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 28
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	Jeff P ♦ Terry F	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Jason & Sara H, Channon & Joni V	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Mark & Cheri 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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Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Rowan Haan, Jean Maletoungou, Kurt Vos, Lewis Clark, Quinn Jewett*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Bernie & Kathy DeWit, Mark & Lisa Christians*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Formation Gathering
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 AM	Full Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)