

SUNDAY, May 28, 2023

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 28**, we celebrate Pentecost and rejoice that the Holy Spirit has descended on us to dwell in us and to empower the church! And as we celebrate the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the church, we also rejoice today as we witness the baptism of Gavin William Ver Steeg, son of Daniel and Erika. 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. This evening's service will also include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour.

Sunday Evening Worship Next Week

This summer we will again gather for an evening worship service with the other Sioux Center CRC churches once a month. Faith CRC invites you to join them in their sanctuary on Sunday, **June 4**, at 6:00 PM for the first combined evening service. Pastor Joel Kok will deliver the message and the offering has been designated for the Faith Mission and Outreach fund. Nursery will be provided and root beer floats will be served after the service. Please join us for worship and fellowship!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower!

Today we celebrate the birth and baptism of Gavin William Ver Steeg! After our morning worship service, Daniel and Erika Ver Steeg will greet the Covenant family at the back of the sanctuary. Then, the Ver Steegs will bring your gifts home with them so they can open them with their family. Thank you for welcoming this new baby to our Covenant family!

June Courier

The June Courier is in your mailboxes and can be found [here](#).

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.
- Families with school-aged children can find an update from the deacons on ESA and Christian education funding for the upcoming year in their mailboxes. There are extra copies on the table for anyone else who would like one.

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 or call Scott Koedam (712-476-2820).

Festival Latino

Get ready to celebrate Latin Culture at the Festival Latino at Orange City's Windmill Park on **June 17!** It's going to be an incredible event you won't want to miss. There will be plenty of things to do including running in the 5k, participating in a soccer tournament, watching performances, joining in dance classes, eating amazing food from authentic Mexican food trucks, and getting awesome freebies from our incredible vendors. If you want to get involved, here are a few ways:

- Volunteers wanted! Sign up [here](#). Be a part of creating an amazing experience for everyone. We need volunteers to help with kid activities, the soccer tournament, clean up, set up, and takedown. If are able to volunteer, sign up!
- Soccer tournament alert! Compete for trophies, Pizza Ranch coupons, and cash prizes. Register your team [here](#). Show off your skills and go for glory! The soccer tournament group stages will begin on **June 9-10** competing for the semifinals and will end with the championship game on **June 17**. There is a \$250 entry fee for each team. If you would like to make a team to play in the soccer tournament, sign up!
- Join us for the 5k Fun Run or 1-mile Fun Walk! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/DreamersRace2023>

Spread the word, bring your friends, and let's celebrate diversity together at Festival Latino.

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 or on Bethel's Facebook page.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Last week's offering General Fund \$2,992.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,018.00

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, June 4
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Tim K, Ryan Z	AM: Jenni B, Pat C, Jeff T
Ushers	AM: Dan A, Paul C, Verlyn DW	AM: Andy L, Ron O, John Z
Coffee	Marge DB, Rebecca DS, Mark H, Dennis VP, Marty VP	Ruth Clo, Rebecca DV, Luke H, Linda V, Dani W
Subs	Wil A, Dennis DJ, Deb H, Rock MC, Sherri TN, Del VZ	Doug DB, Megan H, Cheri H, Don TN, Lois VZ, Channon V
Sound/Projection	Nick B + Marty VP	Dennis DJ + Jason W
Nursery	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Mark & Cheri H	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Barb T

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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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
Sam Janssen, Emily Eppinga, Joan McCarthy

Happy Anniversary this Week
Steve & Pat Crull, Daryl & Deb Hibma, Mark & Cheri Horstman

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
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 4th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Joint Worship Service at Faith CRC