

SUNDAY, June 11, 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, **June 11**, Dr. David Westfall will be preaching as Pastor Joel takes some time off. David will be preaching from the [lectionary](#). Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Worship This Week

This week we'll take a break from our Vespers pattern and gather for an evening prayer gathering – an opportunity to pray for our denomination, particularly as Synod meets, and to pray for the church around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Game Night (Again!)

We plan to hold another Game Night on Friday, **June 16**. We will begin with a potluck meal at church at 6 PM and after about an hour of food and fellowship at church, we will go to the Dordt Bunker for games. There is a sign-up sheet for the potluck and drinks will be provided. Mark your calendars!

Serving Our Young Ones

We're looking for another leader for Children and Worship for this coming year! If you enjoy young children and are interested in helping them worship in age-appropriate ways during our worship services, we'd love to hear from you! Leaders follow a written story script and serve during the morning service during two non-consecutive months each year as well as two times during the summer. If you're interested in this opportunity to serve, contact Cheri Horstman (712-441-4562).

Pray for Synod 2023 This Week

Synod delegates gathered in Grand Rapids on Friday and will meet through this week to receive reports, welcome candidates, and to discuss and make decisions on matters that will have an effect on churches and the denomination going forward. Please pray for the delegates and for God's will to be done throughout their time together and as decisions are implemented.

From the Deacons:

- Work will likely begin on our recently approved roofing project 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 Gospel Music Festival

Hope Haven's 28th Annual Gospel Music Festival will be held at Central Park in Sioux Center on Friday and Saturday, **June 16 & 17**. The Gospel Music Festival will provide great continuous music from 12:30 PM to 9:00 PM on both days. Currently groups from five states are scheduled to sing! The Gospel Music Festival is a benefit for Hope Haven and freewill offerings will be taken each day. A food truck will be open both days. In case of inclement weather, the Music Festival will be held at the Rec Center on the campus of Dordt University.

Festival Latino

Get ready to celebrate Latin Culture at the Festival Latino at Orange City's Windmill Park on **June 17!** 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 are interested in volunteering with kid activities, the soccer tournament, clean up, set up, and takedown, sign up [here](#). Sign up for the 5k Fun Run or 1-mile Fun Walk 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.bethelsc.org or on Bethel's Facebook page.

New Roots Ministry Workshop

Feel uneasy about sharing the Gospel with those who don't know God? It makes us nervous, yet we know Jesus wants us to. Experience shows that most people warmly respond when offered care, interest, and prayer. "Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum" (New Roots Ministry in Sioux Falls) is a one-afternoon-workshop equipping people with helpful openers and other tools. And it's fine to just be an observer. For info, dates, or to sign-up, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries. You will likely get an "I can do that" feeling, which will carry over to your interactions with acquaintances.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,328.00 Christian Education Fund \$3,883.12

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' May newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's June 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 11
Greeters	AM: Jenni B, Pat C, Jeff T	
Ushers	AM: Andy L, Ron O, John Z	
Coffee	Ruth Clo, Rebecca DV, Luke H, Linda V, Dani W	
Subs	Doug DB, Megan H, Cheri H, Don TN, Lois VZ, Channon V	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Terry F	Nick B ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Ryan & Val Z	AM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Jason & Dani W

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

Amira Ribbens, Sage Jewett, Joya Breems, Cal Jongsma, Faby Addink, Jeremy Hummel

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ross & Lisa Feikema, Lee & Jenni Mellema, Les & Lila Sybesma, Terry & Jill Friend, Kurt & Sharon Vos, Marv & Mary Wielard

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 11th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Prayer Gathering
Monday	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Council Potluck Council/Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)