

SUNDAY, June 18, 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

This Sunday, **June 18**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#), using the Old Testament passage. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Courier

I'll be working on the July Courier this week. Do you have something to contribute? Send it to the church office by Monday, **June 19!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

Christian Education Fund Needs

We need to fulfill our Christian Education commitments by the end of July to our local Christian schools. We are \$31,895.27 from our goal as of giving through June 8. This amount would slightly exceed our average monthly giving (which is closer to \$12-15k). Please consider helping us reach our goal to close out this school year if you are able. The deacons wish to express our continued gratitude for your generous care and support.

Roof Project

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.

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).

Save the Date!

We plan to have a one-night retreat at the Sandy Hollow Clubhouse on Friday, **October 13** from 5:30–9:00 PM. We are still working on many of the details, but it will likely be a 70's theme event with trivia, singing, talent show, and a campfire.

Vacation Bible School

Stellar VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 17-20** and registration is open. 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.

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Join us for Cornerstone Prison Church's Faith Fellowship Weekend on Friday, **August 25** with kick-off worship service at 6:30-8:45 PM, and continuing on Saturday, **August 26** and Sunday, **August 27** from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day. The theme for the weekend is Perseverance in Prayer. Join us for worship, large group talks, and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, **August 3**. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us (office@cornerstonepcsd.org or 507-215-3670).

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 Carmel Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering General Fund \$9,887.50 Christian Education Fund \$3,728.50

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 25
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	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Jason & Dani W	AM: Ron & Carol O, James & Courtney R

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
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Daryl Hibma, Duane Bajema, Donna Brue, Isabella Hannigan, Alexa Mercado

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dale & June Brands, Ryan & Laura DeKruyf, Stan & Beth Vanden Berg, Tom & Ruth Clark, Vaughn & Becky Donahue, Verne & Gidge Meyer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Women's Book Study (Lesson 13) Colossian Forum
Sunday, 25th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Communion Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)