

**SUNDAY, June 25, 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**

This Sunday, **June 25**, 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. During this service we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Edifying Engagement**

After our morning service on **June 25**, we invite everyone to regather in the sanctuary for healthy dialogue regarding the Christian Reformed Synod of 2023. Pastor Joel and other members will offer some reports on what happened at Synod, and we will also open the floor for thoughts and questions about congregational life at Covenant. We will meet with a "Colossian Way" spirit, in which we do not expect perfect agreement, and yet we do practice mutually respectful dialogue. If you have thoughts or questions in advance, please feel free to call or email Pastor Joel.

### **July Courier**

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

### **Roof Project**

The roof project is in process! Access to the church should be normal on Sundays, but may be disrupted during the week. Call or email ahead if you need to get into the building.

### **Covenant Renewal Campaign**

Please check your mailbox for information about the Covenant Renewal Campaign to raise funds for our church building updates. We'd like all members to sign up for a brief presentation before or after church on **July 16** or **August 6**. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/CCCC> or contact Sara in the church office. Questions? Contact Val Zonnefeld [valorie.zonnefeld@dordt.edu](mailto:valorie.zonnefeld@dordt.edu).

### **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.

### **Save the Date!**

- On **August 6**, Covenant will host an evening Anniversary Kickoff Campfire at Sandy Hollow. This initial event of a year-long series will help us celebrate Covenant's 50th anniversary. We have rented the Sandy Hollow lodge (former golf clubhouse) and adjacent fire pit to roast hot dogs, prepare s'mores, and more! We will have a time of singing, sharing, and building community. Your entry into Sandy Hollow will be free! More details will be forthcoming.
- 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.

### **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).

## 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.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 Centerpoint congregation and the ministry of Pastors Jamie Dykstra and Chris Godfredsen.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$43,650.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$4,420.00

## 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' 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, July 2
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Jenni B, Pat C, Jeff T	<b>AM:</b> Jo A, Mary D, Betty VP
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Andy L, Ron O, John Z	<b>AM:</b> Bob DS, Sharon D, Marv W
<b>Coffee</b>	Ruth Clo, Rebecca DV, Luke H, Linda V, Dani W	Steve C, Marcy H, Rachel L, Carol O, Jake VW
<b>Subs</b>	Doug DB, Megan H, Cheri H, Don TN, Lois VZ, Channon V	Daryl H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Tricia K, Les S, Beth VB
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Jeff P ♦ Tom C	Doug DB ♦ Terry F
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM:</b> Ron & Carol O, James & Courtney R	<b>AM:</b> Jeff & Sara P, Tom & Ruth C

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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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

*Logan Hannigan, Barb Tazelaar, Rachel Landman, Gaby Castelan, Sally Jongsma, Alyda Mellema, Ryan Hannigan, Andy Landman, Mary Wielard, Louis Postma, Linda Visser*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Bob & Rebecca DeSmith, Nick & Jenni Breems, Laremy & Rebecca DeVries, Rockne & Joan McCarthy, Steve Holtrop & Sharon Bouma, Jim & Barb Schaap,*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Communion Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)