

SUNDAY, July 2, 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, **July 2**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#), using the Old Testament passage. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Vespers

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *The Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will also take time to share our Joys and Concerns and offer those to God.

Sunday Evening Worship Next Week

First CRC invites you to join them in worship on Sunday, **July 9**, at 6:00 PM for the second combined summer evening service. Pastor John Lee will bring God's Word to us. The offering will be for Habitat for Humanity (Sioux Center Project). Nursery will be provided. Join us for an ice cream social after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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).

Summer Pop-Up Choir Opportunity

All interested singers are welcome to be part of a pop-up choir that will sing during the combined evening service hosted by First CRC on **July 9**. We will be singing "I Am Not My Own" by Craig Courtney and will meet for a rehearsal at 4:00 PM on Sunday, **July 9** in First's sanctuary. Please contact Jennifer Monroe (kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com) for more information.

You're Invited

Benjamin Ploegstra is giving an informal recital at Covenant on Friday, **July 7** at 7:30 PM. He will perform on cello (accompanied by Evan Schroeder) and piano, as well as joining with Gary Vander Hart in playing some violin/cello duets. All are welcome to an evening of music!

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 or on Bethel's Facebook page.

Request for Housing Help

Dawei Shao, a CRC pastor in the Metro Detroit area, is asking for assistance. There is a student who will attend Dordt University this year, but he is only 16, so cannot stay in the dorms. They are looking for someone to host this student for his first year. If you know someone who can help, please contact Rev. Shao (323-561-0502, ds000@calvinseminary.edu).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

Last week's offering General Fund \$3,598.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,517.00

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 9
Greeters	AM: Jo A, Mary D, Betty VP	
Ushers	AM: Bob DS, Sharon D, Marv W	
Coffee	Steve C, Marcy H, Rachel L, Carol O, Jake VW	
Subs	Daryl H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Tricia K, Les S, Beth VB	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Terry F	Dennis DJ ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: James & Courtney R, Tom & Ruth C	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Lee & Jenni M

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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Stuart Buckingham, Annemieke Lappenga, Stan Vanden Berg, Merrill McCarthy, Mary Dengler, Gidge Meyer, Isabel Castelan, Sabine Feikema, Luke Hawley, Sharon Vos

Happy Anniversary this Week

Luke & Sarah Hawley, Phil & Rose Postma, James & Courtney Rylaarsdam

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 2nd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
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Sunday, 9th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Service at First CRC (Pastor John Lee preaching)