

**SUNDAY, July 9, 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, **July 9**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#), using the Old Testament passage as we continue to learn about the faithfulness of our Covenant God. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

First CRC invites you to join them in worship this 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.

### **Sunday Evening Next Week**

Next Sunday evening, **July 16** during our 6:00 PM gathering, we will welcome Miriam McAuley who will be sharing about her work in Northern Africa.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](mailto:kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com)) for more information.

### **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).

### **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).

### **NAMI Support Group**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **July 11**. Video: "Borderline Personality Disorder." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

### **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](http://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](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or 507-215-3670).

### **New Roots Workshop Opportunity**

Be an ambassador of Good News! At a one-afternoon-workshop, let's dig into God's Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and interact with those who don't know Him. People often receive a sense of "I can do that," which carries over to interactions with acquaintances. Just observing is fine, too. For information, dates, or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries).

## 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](mailto:ds000@calvinseminary.edu)).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson, Brandon Thiel, and Carlos Perez.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$3,337.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$3,562.99

## 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 July 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 16
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Jo A, Mary D, Betty VP	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Bob DS, Sharon D, Marv W	
<b>Coffee</b>	Steve C, Marcy H, Rachel L, Carol O, Jake VW	
<b>Subs</b>	Daryl H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Tricia K, Les S, Beth VB	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Dennis DJ + Marty VP	Andy L + Tom C
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Lee & Jenni M	AM: Chris & Rin G, Ryan & Angela H

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Tom Clark, Jones Mellema, Deb DeJong, Jill Friend, Dane Hibma, Barb Schaap, Isaac Hibma*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Chris & Rin Goedhart, Micah & Sarah Moss*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC) Joint CRC Service at First CRC (Pastor John Lee preaching)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	Women's Book Study (Lesson 14)
<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Gathering: Miriam McAuley