

**SUNDAY, July 16, 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 16**, 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**

This Sunday evening, **July 16** during our 6:00 PM gathering, we will welcome Miriam who will be sharing about her work in Northern Africa. If you're interested in checking out her art studio website, go to <https://www.rooted.studio/>.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Covenant Renewal Campaign**

You recently received information in your mailbox about the Covenant Renewal Campaign to raise funds for 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 Update**

As of **July 8**, we have only \$15,885.03 left to meet our Christian Education Fund total commitment this year of \$191,655 for the 2022-2023 school year. Thanks so much for your consistent and continued giving to Covenant CRC!

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Come and celebrate with us on Sunday, **August 6** at Covenant's 50th Anniversary Kickoff Campfire at Sandy Hollow. Arrive early and enjoy swimming at the adjacent beach. The Sandy Hollow lodge (former golf clubhouse) will be available at 3 PM. At 6 PM a time of gathering (sharing song and stories), picnicking (roasting hot dogs, preparing s'mores, and more), lawn games, etc. We will provide fixings. Your entry into Sandy Hollow as a Covenant CRC guest is free. Questions? Call Chris or Rin Goedhart.

### **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).

### **Poetry Reading**

**What:** Poetry Reading featuring Ross Feikema and 5 or 6 other Covenant poets

**Where:** In the Schelhaas' backyard

**When:** Tuesday, **July 18**, at 7 PM

Bring your own lawn chairs (if you don't have any, we have extras). Refreshments will be provided.

### **Christmas In July Fundraiser**

Mark your calendar for the exciting Christmas in July Silent Auction fundraiser for Bible League. It will be held at Immanuel CRC in Sheldon on **July 31** beginning at 1:30 PM. Donations of homemade food, household items, and creative gifts will be appreciated. New this year will be gift baskets filled with goodies from local merchants. Every \$5.00 raised at this event will put a Bible in the hands of those who are desperate to read the word of God in their own language.

### **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 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).

**Volunteer with World Renew Disaster Response Services**

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities to help others and serve God? Make a life changing difference with World Renew Disaster Response Services this fall in Boutte, Louisiana; Whatcom County, Washington; or Sarasota, Florida! For dates and more information, go to [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer).

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Christ the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

**Last week’s offering**                      General Fund                      \$2,445.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$4,800.00

**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 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 23
<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>	Andy L ♦ Tom C	Nick B ♦ Jason W
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Chris & Rin G, Ryan & Angela H	AM: Rob & Megan H, Bob & Rebecca DS

**Encouraging our Missionaries**

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

Kelly & April Crull                      Gianni & Georgina Gracia                      Sos & Kara Maletoungou                      Mike & Megan Ribbens                      Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**

*Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats, Josh Van Schouwen, Miriam Groenewold*

**Happy Anniversary this Week**

*Jason & Dani Wyenberg, Justin & Melissa Bailey*

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:25 AM	Covenant Renewal Campaign Presentation
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:15 AM	Covenant Renewal Campaign Presentation
	6:00 PM	Formation Gathering: Miriam McAuley
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)