

SUNDAY, July 23, 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 23**, 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

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 Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will also take time to share our Joys and Concerns and offer those to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Courier

Do you have something you'd like to include in the August Courier? Email it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **July 24!**

Pastor Joel's Vacation

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off from his work here at Covenant. If you have any pastoral needs or prayer requests from **July 24-August 13**, please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon.

Christian Education Fund Update

We are getting close to fulfilling our Christian Education obligation! We have \$9,342 left of our 2022-2023 school year commitment. If you're able, please consider a one-time gift designated for Christian Education online or in the offering boxes. Contact Ruth Clark if you have questions.

Covenant Renewal Campaign

We'd like all members to sign up for a brief Covenant Renewal Campaign presentation if you haven't done so already. Sign up for a spot either before or after church on **August 6** at <https://bit.ly/CCCC> or contact Sara in the church office and she can help you sign up. Questions? Contact Val Zonnefeld valorie.zonnefeld@dordt.edu.

Mark Your Calendar!

Come and celebrate with us on Sunday, **August 6** at Covenant's 50th Anniversary Kickoff Campfire at Sandy Hollow. Your entry into Sandy Hollow as a Covenant CRC guest is free. 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. We'd love to have you sign up so we know how much food we need. Sign up on the back table or online: <https://forms.gle/EaEMjqraiC8gT3z8A> Questions? Call Chris or Rin Goedhart.

Change of Date

We previously told you to mark your calendars for the Sunday School Picnic on **September 10**, but, while church education classes will start that day, the picnic won't happen until **September 24**. Please make that change on your calendars!

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).

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 or 507-215-3670).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

Last week's offering General Fund \$545.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,500.00

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 30
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	Nick B ♦ Jason W	Jeff P ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Rob & Megan H, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: John & Linda V, Marcy 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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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pastor Gianni Gracia, Samantha Hummel, Jacob Vander Plaats, Eldon Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma, Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 23rd	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 (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study (Lesson 15)
Sunday, 30th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Jordan Helming preaching) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)