

**SUNDAY, July 30, 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 30**, Pastor Joel is on vacation and Pastor Jordan Helming, Pastor of Congregational Care at First CRC in Orange City, will be preaching this morning while he's away. 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **August Courier**

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

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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/EaEMjgraiC8gT3z8A>  
Questions? Call Chris or Rin Goedhart.

### **Kindergarten Quilts!**

On Sunday, **August 20**, bring along the kindergarten quilt you received in the past! We want to enjoy them and their owners when the new quilts are given to the new kindergarteners on that Sunday. And yes, if there is a quilt or two in a closet in your home and its owner is not around, feel free to bring it for this occasion! Thanks!

### **Edifying Engagement**

After worship on **August 20**, Pastor Joel will report briefly regarding his August 7-11 sermon seminar; and reflect with the congregation regarding a new practice in which Children in Worship will interact more directly with our sanctuary worship services on the first Sunday of each month, beginning in September. The leaders of Children in Worship have a proposal which they will communicate with parents prior to September 3, and we welcome insights from all congregation members.

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

We are in need of a couple of teachers for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. We are looking for a 1st/2nd grade teacher as well as a 5th/6th grade teacher. Both teachers will be sharing the responsibilities with another adult, which allows for flexibility during the year. Sunday School runs from 9:00-9:55 starting **September 10** through the beginning of May. If this is a way that you could serve at Covenant, please contact Megan Haan (712.463.2655 or [meganhaan@gmail.com](mailto:meganhaan@gmail.com)).

### **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.

## 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 7-9 PM on Tuesday, **August 1**. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$5,120.26                      Christian Education Fund                      \$3,948.00

## 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, August 6
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Jo A, Mary D, Betty VP	<b>AM:</b> Ethan B, Jill F, Jason H
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Bob DS, Sharon D, Marv W	<b>AM:</b> Lisa C, Rin G, Len R
<b>Coffee</b>	Steve C, Marcy H, Rachel L, Carol O, Jake VW	Jan B, Sarah H, Joan MC, Stan VB, Erika VS
<b>Subs</b>	Daryl H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Tricia K, Les S, Beth VB	Paul C, Rebecca DS, Verlyn DW, Lee R, Kris VP, Kurt V
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Jeff P ♦ Jason W	Doug DB ♦ Terry F
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM:</b> John & Linda V, Marcy H	<b>AM:</b> Kurt & Sharon V, Lee R

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Jason Lief, Marge DeBoer, Ruth Clousing, Pat Eggebeen, Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Faith Van Schouwen, Laurey Zwart, Caden Zonnefeld*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Jeremy & Kristi Hummel, Daniel & Erika Ver Steeg, Jason & Tammy Lief, Verlyn & June De Wit, Ryan & Angela Hannigan*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Jordan Helming preaching) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Dr. David Westfall preaching) 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Campfire (at Sandy Hollow)