

SUNDAY, August 6, 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, **August 6**, Pastor Joel is taking some time off from his work here, and in his absence, Dr. David Westfall will be preaching for us. The Elders were unable to arrange for an ordained person to administer communion for our morning worship service. The Church Order of the Christian Reformed Church allows Elders to administer the Lord's Supper when an ordained minister is not present. This morning, an elder will guide us at the Lord's table, and our one Lord will continue to meet us at the table as we worship this Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Worship

There is no Sunday evening worship service this week – but instead we hope you join us out at Sandy Hollow! Next Sunday evening we will gather for another joint CRC worship service at Bethel CRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Join the Fun This Sunday Night!

Celebrate Covenant's 50th Anniversary at the Kickoff Campfire at Sandy Hollow on Sunday, **August 6**. Your entry into Sandy Hollow as a Covenant member is free. Arrive early and enjoy swimming and lawn games at the adjacent beach. The Sandy Hollow Lodge (former golf clubhouse) will be available at 3 PM. At 5:30 (**note the earlier time!**), you will have the opportunity to roast your own hotdogs. (Bring your roasting stick!) Covenant will provide the fixings. At 6:00 we will have a time of singing and devotions and at 6:30 we'll roast some S'mores, enjoy lawn games, and fellowship.

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.

Thank You!

A big thanks to the many generous donors to the Christian Education Legacy Fund at Covenant over the past year. As of today, we have reached our '22-'23 school year financial commitment. Thanks, especially, to the extra monies given in July! I'll keep you updated on our next year's commitment goals, and I am grateful for your continued partnership.

-Ruth Clark, on behalf of the deacons

Looking for Ways to Serve our Youth?

- We need a few teachers for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. We are looking for a 1st/2nd grade and 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).
- 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).
- Men of Covenant, the Cadets program is looking for more counselors for this year. Volunteers would be helping with a Bible lesson and various crafts. If you would like volunteer or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbccadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).

Love INC Open House

Love INC Sioux County invites the public to an Open House to celebrate answered prayers and God's goodness in providing a beautiful, new office space! Please join us on Monday, **August 7**, from 4–6 PM at 1317 Main Street, Rock Valley. Our staff and board will be present to show you around and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Light refreshments will be served.

Friendship Bible Class Mentor Opportunity

School begins soon, and so does the Friendship Bible Class at First CRC. About 30 pairs of believers – young and old(er) – with a variety of gifts and abilities share an hour of praise, prayer, Bible lessons, and fellowship on Thursday evenings. Meetings are designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with special learning challenges, in the company of mentoring friends from the church community. We have room at the tables for a couple of additional student-Friends in September. If you know someone who would enjoy this opportunity, please give a call/email to the secretary at First CRC (712-722-0717; office@firstcrc.com). Students and mentors represent a cross-section of Christian traditions, and all are welcome.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema.

Last week's offering General Fund \$12,787.00 Christian Education Fund \$4,640.00

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 August 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 13
Greeters	AM: Ethan B, Jill F, Jason H	
Ushers	AM: Lisa C, Rin G, Len R	
Coffee	Jan B, Sarah H, Joan MC, Stan VB, Erika VS	
Subs	Paul C, Rebecca DS, Verlyn DW, Lee R, Kris VP, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB + Terry F	Andy L + Tom C
Nursery	AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Lee R	AM: Steve & Pat C, Dave & Emily K

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
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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

Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber, Juliet Jewett, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra, Carlene Van Schouwen, Dani Wyenberg

Happy Anniversary this Week

Jeff & Sara Ploegstra, Ron & Carol Oostra, Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Benjamin & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 6th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Dr. David Westfall preaching) 50 th Anniversary Kickoff Campfire (at Sandy Hollow)
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
Sunday, 13th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Dr. Justin Bailey preaching) Joint CRC Worship at Bethel CRC, Pastor Bob Pollema preaching