

SUNDAY, August 13, 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 13**, Pastor Joel is taking some time off from his work here for rest and learning, and in his absence, Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching for us. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Worship

This Sunday, **August 13**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for another joint CRC worship service at Bethel CRC. Pastor Bob Pollema will preach, and an offering will be received for The Banquet in Sioux Falls. There will be no gathering at Covenant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Covenant Sunday Morning Plans

For Covenant Sunday Morning this fall, we are planning to discuss the book *Under the Wings of God* by Cornelius Plantinga. The book contains 20 short reflections which can be read and discussed without reference to the other writings, so you can feel free to join as you are able to. The church will place a bulk order for books for those interested, and the cost will be roughly \$16. If you are interested in participating, please complete the online survey [here](#) or sign up for a book on the welcome table.

Looking for Ways to Serve our Youth?

- 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).
- We are thankful to have teachers lined up for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year, but if you're interested in being on a teacher substitute list, please contact Megan Haan (712.463.2655 or meganhaan@gmail.com).
- The Northstar GEMS program is looking for ladies of all ages with willing hearts to pour into the lives of our 4th-8th grade girls. You do not need to be crafty to be a counselor; you only need to have love for Jesus and girls! Valerie would love to answer any questions you might have (northstar_gems@hotmail.com or 712.449.8150).
- 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 (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712.441.6249).

Love INC Notes:

- Love & Learn classes will begin on Tuesday, **August 29**. This fall we are offering Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share and Redemptive Compassion. Please contact Love INC (712-476-5990) for more information and to register.
- Love INC Sioux County is seeking volunteers to mentor participants in our Faith & Finances class. A mentor works one on one with a paired participant to help them establish healthy spending habits and build a workable budget. Qualifications are a love for serving your neighbors and passion for helping them gain financial independence. Love & Learn classes begin on Tuesday, **August 29**, and run for 12 consecutive weeks. Training is provided by Love INC. Please contact Debbie (712-476-5990) for more information.

Everyday Ambassadors Practicum

Ever feel reluctant and frustrated when encouraged to share your Good News? At a one-afternoon-workshop, let's dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and interact with those who are struggling without Him. You will likely receive an "I can do that" feeling, causing you to more organically bear Good News to others you know. For information, dates, or to sign up for Everyday Ambassadors Practicum, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Last week's offering General Fund \$8,925.60 Christian Education Fund \$2,348.20

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 20
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	Dennis DJ ✦ Marty VP	Andy L ✦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Steve & Pat C, Dave & Emily K	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Doug & Marge DB

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
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Kathleen Van Tol, Deb Hibma, Blake Stiemsma, Steve Crull, Savannah Lief

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ryan & Amie Smit, John & Laurey Zwart, Jake & Trena Van Wyk, Del & Lois Vander Zee

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 13th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship (Dr. Justin Bailey preaching) Joint CRC Worship at Bethel CRC, Pastor Bob Pollema preaching
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Edifying Engagement Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)