

SUNDAY, September 3, 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, **September 3**, 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. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as well. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Vespers

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.

Next Week Sunday Evening

We will host the next joint CRC worship service here at Covenant on Sunday, **September 10** at 6 PM. Pastor Kurt Monroe from First CRC will be preaching. An offering will for World Renew will be collected that evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day Worship and Learning Event at the Fruited Plain Cafe

On Monday, **September 4**, you are invited to a night of singing, praying, and learning on the theme of Work and Worship. Covenant is co-hosting the evening with Good Shepherd Church, and Matthew Kaemingk, First Mondays Speaker at Dordt, will be joining us. We'll sing new songs from the Porter's Gate songwriting collective from their album *Worship for Workers* and spend time in prayer for our city and county and the work and workers here. The Fruited Plain will technically be closed but a limited drink menu will be offered. The event begins at 7:00 PM.

Church Education Year Begins!

School has started for all our Covenant students, but next Sunday, **September 10**, we begin a new church education year here at Covenant! All those in grades 1-10 are encouraged to join their classes at 9:00 AM! (11th and 12th graders are doing mentoring this year.) And adults, we'd love to have you join Covenant Sunday Morning which will meet in the Youth Room at 9:00. If you have questions, contact the church office or our Education Committee Chair, Rose Postma.

Intergenerational Orchestra

Covenant will host the next joint CRC evening worship service on **September 10** with Pastor Kurt Monroe from First CRC preaching. We would like to put together an intergenerational orchestra to help lead this service. All strings players from 6th grade-adult are invited to participate. A rehearsal will be at 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, **September 10**. Please email Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com) if you plan to participate. You can contact Jill Friend if you have any questions: jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com.

Pork 'N Bands is back!

Put Saturday, **September 16** on your calendar and bring the whole family to the Fruited Plain for a smoked pulled pork bun and live music! Food will be served from 5-7 PM and will also be available in to-go boxes. Once again, the Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the meal and we will need some help from the congregation! The sign-up sheets for serving that night and donating items will be in the back of church this week (hopefully!) and next week. We will also have an online sign up available Thank you for all you do to support our committee! Here is the link to the worker sign up: tinyurl.com/PorknBandsWorkers

Pizza BOGO Cards on Sale!

Fruited Plain BOGO cards are currently on sale! The Covenant Christian Education Committee is once again partnering with the Fruited Plain to offer this amazing deal! Each pizza card costs \$30 and is good for 5 punches to buy one pizza and get one free. They make delightful gifts for anyone and are handy to have on hand for a family pizza night. College kids – remind your parents you need pizza to study well! Pizza cards can be purchased at the Fruited Plain through the end of October. \$10 from every sale goes towards meeting our Christian Education Fund commitments.

Save the Date!

Save the date, **October 13**, for the Covenant retreat where, in the tradition of retreats held over the past 50 years, we will concentrate on laughing together. Please start now to think about what makes you and your family laugh (e.g., fun experience, skit, activity, game, story, or joke) and consider sharing it with the rest of us. Contact Len and Lee Rhoda (722-1854) or John and Linda Visser (712-441-1608) with your offerings.

Looking for Tech Help!

We are looking for anyone high school aged and older who might be interested in serving our congregation in worship by running the projection and video for our services. We will train you! If you are interested, contact Rebecca DeVries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com).

Looking for Ways to Serve our Youth?

- 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).

Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

Join the First CRC Youth Group for their annual Labor Day pancake breakfast on Monday, **September 4**, to be held at First CRC in Sioux Center, with serving from 7:30 to 9:30 AM. Free will donations are for the youth group's mission trip.

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 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **September 5**. Video: The Stigmatization of Schizophrenia. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Bible League Conference

Join us on Tuesday, **September 12** at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women. Best-selling author Carol Kent's life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets or call 866-825-4636

Friendship Bible Volunteers Needed

The Sioux Center Friendship Bible group began its season this week but they have an additional five students who would like to join! In order for that to happen, they need 3 men and 2 women to volunteer to be mentors. If you feel led to spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, please contact the First CRC secretary (office@firstcrc.com), and she will connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Interim Pastor Jay Denne.

Last week's offering General Fund \$10,200.00 Christian Education Fund \$675.00

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' August newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's September 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, September 10
Greeters	AM: Donna B, Shirley M, Ron O	
Ushers	AM: Rockne MC, Sherri TN, Marcia W	
Coffee	Natalie B, Dennis DJ, Deb H, James R, Daniel VS	
Subs	Rob H, Mark H, Dave S, Dennis VP, Marty VP, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Rebecca DV	Doug DB ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Tricia K	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Jason & Sara H PM: Mark & Lisa C, Dennis & Pam DJ

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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

Angela Hannigan, Isaac Maletoungou, Val Zonnefeld, Marcia Westra, Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer

Happy Anniversary this Week

Tim & Mimi Kamp

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 3rd	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Labor Day Worship and Learning Event (at The Fruited Plain Café)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 10th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Orchestra Rehearsal Joint CRC Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)