

SUNDAY, May 12, 2024

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

During this season of Eastertide, Pastor Joel will be leading us through the book of Ephesians. Here is a link to a [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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Offering of Thanks

Please bring your Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes back to the offering boxes by today, **May 12**. Extra copies are available at the table in the fellowship hall. The Deacons have decided to try something new this year and split up local ministries and national/international ministries between the Thanksgiving offering and the Spring Offering of Thanks respectively. If you have questions, please feel free to email or speak to one of the deacons. The deacons thank you for your generous giving to both Covenant and these other organizations locally and around the world.

Church Education Schedule

Today, **May 12**, is the last Sunday of our church education year! Thanks to all of our teachers and leaders for sharing their time and gifts in discipling others in our congregation this year!

You're Invited!

The Covenant congregation is invited to witness the marriage ceremony of Jocelyn Zonnefeld and Gabriel Garcia in the Covenant sanctuary on Monday, **May 13** at 4:30 PM.

Senior Needs Information Gathering

On Tuesday, **May 14**, at 7:00, the Senior Needs Committee is hosting an information meeting in the sanctuary concerning services available for Sioux Center seniors living in their homes. Anna Britain, social worker from Sioux Center Health, and Jenni Mellema from Home Health Care will be with us to provide details. We will also hear from a local police officer about preventing scamming targeted at seniors. Everyone is invited, including folks who are looking at eventual services for others. Come for information, answers to questions, and treats. Questions? Call Jeri Schelhaas (712-441-0394).

Edifying Engagement

On Sunday, **May 19** we'll gather after our morning worship service for another Edifying Engagement. Dwight and Kathleen Van Tol will share about their work in Nicaragua with Tesoros de Dios and they will encourage our congregation to consider mission trips there and other places.

Mid-Sioux Opportunity Food Drive

This month we are collecting food and personal items to help restock the food pantry at Mid-Sioux Opportunity! See the list below and based on the first letter of your last name, take items from the list back to church by Saturday, **May 25**. You can learn more about it in the [May Courier](#).

- A—D: Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, tuna, chicken, spaghetti sauces, beans, applesauce, etc.)
- E—H: Boxed dry goods (pasta, boxed dinners, oatmeal, cereal, instant potatoes, rice, etc.)
- I—S: Easy lunch items (granola bars, pop tarts, crackers, Jell-O cups, peanut butter, jelly)
- T—Z: Toiletry items (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish/hand/laundry soap, feminine products, toothpaste)

Covenant Email List

Do you worship regularly at Covenant and want to be added to our church email list to get all the news and updates? Email the church office and we'll add you! (covenant@mtcnet.net)

Scuba VBS

Scuba VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 8-11!** Registration for volunteers and participants will open **May 13**. Participants ages 5-4th grade are welcome to register! The link to register is at www.bethelsc.org or on Bethel's social media pages.

Pray for Synod 2024

The theme for synod worship and prayer is "God With Us." You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Centerpoint congregation and the ministry of Pastors Chris Godfredsen and Jamie Dykstra.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$12,485.00

Christian Education Fund: \$2,476.42

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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's May 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, May 19
Greeters	AM: Wil A, Mark H, Marcia W	
Ushers	AM: Deb H, Jake VW, Stan VB	
Coffee	Sharon D, Sanneke K, Mark MC, Rockne MC, Len R	
Subs	Paul C, Dennis DJ, Marcy H, Sherri TN, Marty VP, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Tom C	Jeff P ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Channon & Joni V	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Laura J

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

Matt Jewett, Ella Visscher, Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Will Breems, Meghan Vos, John-Patrick McCarthy

Happy Anniversary this Week

Rob & Megan Haan, Ethan & Donna Brue

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Senior Needs Information Gathering
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 19th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Vespers