

**SUNDAY, May 19, 2024**

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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**

Today is Pentecost, a day to celebrate the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. Pastor Joel will preach from the Pentecost story found in Acts 2. 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. And today we have the privilege of witnessing the profession of faith of Lucas and Molly Stiemsma!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Edifying Engagement**

Today, **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.

### **June Courier**

If you have something to include in the June Courier, send it to church ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **May 20!**

### **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)

### **Valet Parking**

Volunteers are needed to help with valet service to assist people to exit their vehicle if needed, greet people, and hold the door open as needed. On occasion, someone may be asked for help to park their car or get it after the service. People are asked to volunteer on a monthly basis, and if a substitute is needed, arrangements can be made. Contact the church office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) or Duane Bajema ([bajema@premieronline.net](mailto:bajema@premieronline.net)) if you are willing to serve the church in this manner.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.bethelsc.org) or on Bethel's social media pages.

### **Hope Haven Fundraisers:**

To participate in any of these events, register online at [hopehaven.org/events/](http://hopehaven.org/events/) or contact Brenda Gisolf (712.476.3116 or [bgisolf@hopehaven.org](mailto:bgisolf@hopehaven.org)).

- Hope Haven's Fishing Benefit: Looking for a reason to do some fishing on the Missouri River this summer? Here's your chance! Hope Haven invites you to join us for the 26th Annual Fishing Benefit on Friday, **June 7** starting at 7 AM at Fort Randall Dam in Pickstown, SD. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes incredible weigh-in prizes for all categories, an entry gift, and a grab and go pork loin meal!
- Hope Haven's Golf Benefit: We're thrilled to invite you to our 34th Annual Golf Benefit, where swinging your clubs will make a real impact. Join us in supporting Hope Haven and making a difference in the lives of those in need on Wednesday, **June 19** with a shotgun starting at 11 AM at the Emerald Hills Golf Course at Arnolds Park. The

registration fee of \$150 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a grab and go meal, great raffle/pin prizes, and an entry gift! Space is limited to 144 golfers – so don't wait! Sign up by **May 31** to not miss your chance to golf this premier course for a great cause!

- Hope Haven's Rich Harmelink Commemorative Trail Ride: Join us on Saturday, **June 29** and experience the Newton Hills State Park in Canton, SD with 6 miles of marked horse trails for everyone to enjoy the scenic view, from beginners to professionals. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, followed by the trail ride at 10 AM and lunch at 12:30 PM. This is a free will donation event. If you would like to order a shirt, the cost is \$10 or 1 free shirt for every \$25 donation. Deadline to order is **June 13**. If camping is something you're interested in, reach out to Newton Hills to make reservations.

### 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](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email [SynodPrayer@crcna.org](mailto:SynodPrayer@crcna.org) with your questions or comments.

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

### Last week's offering

General Fund: \$7,922.00

Christian Education Fund: \$450.00

### 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: 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 26
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	Jeff P ♦ Jason W	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Laura J	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, Ryan & Val Z

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Rowan Haan, Jean Maletoungou, Kurt Vos*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Mark & Barb Tazelaar, Mark & Lisa Christians*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Vespers
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers