

SUNDAY, July 7, 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

Pastor Joel will be preaching on the Mark passage from this Sunday's [lectionary](#) readings. This morning we also have the privilege of gathering at the Lord's table together. 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 share our joys and concerns.

Next Sunday Evening

Next Sunday evening, **July 14**, First CRC will host a combined worship service with Bethel, Covenant, and Faith CRC at 6 PM. Steve Wunderink with Resonate – Egypt will be preaching, with an offering for Siouxland Habitat for Humanity. An ice cream social will follow the service. (There will be no service at Covenant that evening.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Group Elders/Deacon Teams

The elder deacon teams for 2024/2025 church calendar year (June to June) are shown in the following table. Members were kept in the same groups as last year. A few families may be asked to move into a new group in order to evenly spread pastoral responsibilities. If you have questions, you may contact a member of your current elder/deacon team.

Pastoral Group Name	Elder/Deacon 2023-2024	Elder/Deacon 2024-2025
Covenant 1	Goedhart/Hummel	Hickey/Haan
Covenant 2	Van Wyk/Van Tol	De Smith/Van Tol
Covenant 3	Schelhaas/Mellema	Breems/Kramer
Covenant 4	Stiemsma/Clark	Stiemsma/Zonnefeld
Covenant 5	De Wit/De Jong	De Wit/De Jong
Covenant 6	Christians/Van Schouwen	Christians/Van Schouwen

Laundry Assistance for Flood Victims

We have an opportunity as a church to help with laundry relief efforts for flood victims. The organizers are asking if one day next week our church could provide laundry services for those who need it. The organizers will collect the laundry in garbage bags, and then those who are willing to help will take one garbage bag of laundry home and wash, dry, and fold the laundry and return it later that day. There will be a local pick-up and drop off spot in Sioux Center. If you are willing to help, please [fill out this form](#), or send a note to Jill Friend (jill.m.friend@gmail.com) or Marcy Holwerda (mkholwerda@yahoo.com). Thanks for considering this opportunity to love our neighbors!

Hope Food Pantry Volunteers

Covenant has committed to providing nine volunteers to staff the Hope Food Pantry this next Wednesday, **July 10**. Five people are needed for a two-hour shift from 1:30-3:30 and four people for the 3:30-5:30 shift. Please text Sally Jongsma at 712-441-7020 or email to jongsma@mtcnet.net to offer your services.

Combined Choir

All interested singers, rising high school freshman and older, are invited to join a combined choir which will sing at the joint worship service at First CRC on **July 14**. Dr. Carrie Groenewold will lead this ensemble and there will be one rehearsal at 4:30 PM on the **July 14**. Please contact Jennifer Monroe at kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Covenant Ladies Day Out

Covenant ladies – join us on Wednesday, **July 17** at 9:15 AM in the church parking lot to begin an exploration of Luverne, Minnesota. We'll start at the History Center which has many displays and over 5,000 nutcrackers (think almonds and pecans, not ballet), followed by your choice of the Brandenburg Gallery, Herreid Museum, Sewing Basket and Main Street shops and ending at Wildflowers Coffee Boutique. Sign up at the table in the fellowship hall! Questions? Call Rin (722-4394).

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard???

Interested in participating in Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard on **July 21** at 6 PM? You can find more information in the [Courier](#) and sign up [here](#) or at the table in the fellowship hall.

SCCS Invitation

Sioux Center Christian School invites you to a Summer Leadership Briefing event where you can meet new head of school, Paul Brenner and his wife Kim, hear their story, and hear an update on the Blazer Center. Sign up for Tuesday, **July 9** or Wednesday, **July 10** at 12:00-12:50 PM in the SCCS Orchestra room. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required. Go to <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/supportscs/ignite.cfm> to reserve your spot!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$1,015.00

Christian Education Fund: \$232.76

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 Maletougous' 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 July 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, July 14
Greeters	AM: Jan B, Ruth Clo, Barb T	
Ushers	AM: Verlyn DW, Andy L, Ron O	
Coffee	Jo A, Lisa C, Cheri H, Lee R, Beth VB	
Subs	Rebecca DS, Rin G, Jason H, Kristi H, Jeri S, Kurt V	
Valet Parking	John Z	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ + Jason W	Andy L + James R
Nursery	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Lee & Jenni M	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Jake & Trena VW

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 Maletougou
smaletougou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
vandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Isabel Castelan, Luke Hawley, Sharon Vos, Tom Clark, Jones Mellema, Deb DeJong, Jill Friend, Dane Hibma

Happy Anniversary this Week

Chris & Rin Goedhart, Micah & Sarah Moss

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 7th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
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, 14th	10:00 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Combined Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC) Joint CRC Worship Service (at First CRC)