

# SUNDAY, July 14, 2024

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## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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 Joint Worship Service

This 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 this evening.)

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## 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

### Combined Choir

All interested singers, rising high school freshmen 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](mailto: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 by Friday, **July 19**!

### Heart & Soles

Interested in supporting local children on their first day of school? Heart & Soles is a Gap Ministry developed by Love INC that allows churches to provide students with new, quality tennis shoes and socks. Right now, there is a place in church where you can pick up a shoe cut-out (pink/girl or blue/boy or green/donation). Please purchase the tennis shoes (no flip flops or slip-on shoes) listed and bring them back to your church by **July 28**. You can also purchase shoes on our Amazon Wish List and have them delivered directly to Love INC by scanning the QR code on the label or visiting <https://a.co/1SXiMsm>. If you would like to make a monetary donation by grabbing a green cut-out, please donate cash or make checks out to Love INC of Sioux County. Thank you for supporting this Love INC ministry in your community!

### Christmas in July Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for the Christmas in July silent auction fundraiser for Bible League. It will be held at First CRC (321 2nd St. SE, Sioux Center) on **July 29** beginning at 1:30 PM. Bring silent auction items and bid on items contributed by others. If you do not wish to bid, please consider contributing money to the auction. Join us for delicious homemade desserts, ringing Christmas bells, singing Christmas carols, and learning more about the Bible League. Every \$5.00 raised at this event will put a Bible in the hands of those who are desperate to read the word of God in their own language.

## Abide Project Convention

The 2024 Abide Project convention will be held on **July 30 & 31** at First CRC in Sioux Center. The theme of the convention this year is drawn from Titus: "Contend for the Faith!" Join us for two days of instruction from God's Word, fellowship, and discussion of the future of the CRCNA. The cost is \$100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary, on **July 30** beginning at 7 PM. He will be giving a talk on "The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)" This portion of the conference is free, and all are invited to attend. Please go to [www.abideproject.org](http://www.abideproject.org) to register.

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Jesucristo el Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastor Rodrigo Gonzalez.

## Last week's offering

General Fund: \$9,971.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,985.00

## 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 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 21
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	Andy L ♦ James R	Nick B ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Jake & Trena VW	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Duane & Jan B

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Willem Moss, Barb Schaap, Isaac Hibma, Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats, John Van Schouwen, Emden Dieleman

### Happy Anniversary this Week

Jason & Dani Wyenberg, Justin & Melissa Bailey

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Combined Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC) Joint CRC Worship Service (at First CRC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:15 AM 10:00 AM	Covenant Ladies Day Out Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard