

**SUNDAY, July 21, 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 we welcome Dr. Justin Bailey, who will bring us God's word this morning while Pastor Joel is taking some vacation time. 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: Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard???**

There is no evening service at Covenant this Sunday evening, but we hope many of you will be participating in Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard at 6:00 PM! If you are attending, drive through church between 5:45-5:55 to find out where you'll be heading for the evening!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **August Courier**

Do you have something to include in the August Courier? Send it to the church office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **July 22!**

### **Out of Office**

Pastor Joel will be taking a few weeks of vacation. If you have pastoral concerns from **July 15-August 4**, please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon.

### **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. On the table in the fellowship hall, there is a display 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 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 and drop them in the box by the display. 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 Hope Lutheran congregation.

### **Last week's offering**

General Fund: \$3,255.00

Christian Education Fund: \$630.00

### **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 28
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	Nick B ♦ Terry F	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Duane & Jan B	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Rob & Megan H

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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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

*Miriam Groenewold, Pastor Gianni Gracia, Samantha Hummel*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers with Communion