

SUNDAY, July 28, 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

Today we welcome Rev. Liz Moss who will bring the word to us while Pastor Joel is on vacation. Liz is a therapist at All Things New Therapy Services, Inc., in Orange City. She previously served as a pastor. She has a Master of Divinity and a Master of Social Work and also takes part in the Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America as an ordained minister. Liz lives in Orange City with her husband and two teenage sons. 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 celebrate communion.

Sunday Evening Next Week

It is our practice to not line up pulpit supply for Vespers while Pastor Joel is on vacation, but to find other ways of gathering or practicing Sabbath. On Sunday, **August 4**, we will be practicing Sabbath by not holding an evening Vespers service. We hope you will be able to rest or fellowship with friends or family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

August Courier

The August Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

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.

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 to register.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **August 6**. Program: "Ten Signs of Bipolar Disorder." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,602.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,435.00

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, August 4
Greeters	AM: Jan B, Ruth Clo, Barb T	AM: Faby A, Tom C, Lila S
Ushers	AM: Verlyn DW, Andy L, Ron O	AM: Duane B, Pat C, Laurey Z
Coffee	Jo A, Lisa C, Cheri H, Lee R, Beth VB	Ruth Cla, Isabel C, Rachel L, Dave S, Sharon V
Subs	Rebecca DS, Rin G, Jason H, Kristi H, Jeri S, Kurt V	Jenni B, Mark H, Deb H, Rock MC, Len R, Marcia W
Valet Parking	John Z	Kurt V
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Tom C	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Rob & Megan H	AM: Duane & Jan B, John & Linda V

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

Eldon Westra, Jason Lief, Marge DeBoer, Ruth Clousing, Pat Eggebeen, Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Faith Van Schouwen, Laurey Zwart

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma, Jeremy & Kristi Hummel, Daniel & Erika Ver Steeg, Jason & Tammy Lief

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 28th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Communion Vespers
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 4th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship