

**SUNDAY, August 4, 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 are thankful that Dr. Kyle Dieleman will bring the word to us while Pastor Joel is on vacation. (And Pastor Joel will be back to work this week!) And we will gather at the table for communion this morning. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening This 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. This evening, 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Carpet Cleaning**

This Monday, **August 5**, we will be having some carpets cleaned in our main areas. So if you can avoid popping into the building that day, it would be appreciated!

### **Hope Food Pantry Volunteers**

Next Wednesday, **August 14**, is the third and final time, for now, that Covenant has agreed to staff the Hope Food Pantry this summer. As before, we will need five people for the 1:30-3:30 PM shift and four people for the 3:30-5:30 PM shift. Please text or email Sally Jongsma (712.441.7020 or [jongsma@mtcnet.net](mailto:jongsma@mtcnet.net)) to offer your services for one of these shifts. Thank you so much. Your response has been wonderful and many of us have found it a joy and blessing to participate.

### **Family Crisis Center Toy Drive**

Family Crisis Center is hosting a toy drive for children who have been affected by floods in NW Iowa. They will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys at the FCC office in Sioux Center (1520 N Main Ave) on Monday and Tuesday, **August 5-6**, 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and in the coming weeks we will be taking the toys into the communities most affected for children to "shop" to pick out new toys.

### **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).

### **Choose Health NW Iowa**

Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, are partnering to offer an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program, "Choose Health NW Iowa," with the goal of preventing diabetes in NW Iowa and promoting healthy and informed lifestyle choices. Classes will be on Thursdays from 5:15-6:30 PM at the Promise CHC Mission Conference Room. Cost is \$40 for individuals or \$60/pair if you sign up with a partner. To register, contact CHP (712-737-2971 or [chp@siouxcountychp.org](mailto:chp@siouxcountychp.org)). Please register by **September 12**.

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenten.

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

General Fund: \$3,743.00

Christian Education Fund: \$160.00

### **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 August 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 11
Greeters	AM: Faby A, Tom C, Lila S	
Ushers	AM: Duane B, Pat C, Laurey Z	
Coffee	Ruth Cla, Isabel C, Rachel L, Dave S, Sharon V	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark H, Deb H, Rock MC, Len R, Marcia W	
Valet Parking	Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB + Jason W	Dennis DJ + Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Duane & Jan B, John & Linda V	AM: Dave & Jeri S, Kurt & Sharon 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

*Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber, Juliet Jewett, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra, Carlene Van Schouwen*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Verlyn & June DeWit, Ryan & Angela Hannigan, Jeff & Sara Ploegstra, Ron & Carol Oostra*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers