

SUNDAY, August 18, 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

This Sunday, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#) Psalm 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

This Sunday evening, **August 18**, Bethel CRC will host a combined worship service with First, Faith, and Covenant CRC at 6:00 PM. (There will be no service at Covenant this evening.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Courier

If you have something to include in the Courier, send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **August 19**.

Mark your Calendars!

Here are a few dates to note on your calendars:

- The first day of Sunday school for 1st–12th grade is Sunday **September 8**.
- The Sunday School kickoff picnic will be on Sunday, **September 15** at the Children's Park Shelter House.

Serving our Little Ones

Are you interested in serving our young Covenant family members by being a teacher in our Children's Worship program? If so, contact Cheri Horstman (mchorst@mtcnet.net or 712-441-4562)!

Cadet Counselors Needed

The Cadets program is looking for more counselors again this year. Counselors help with a Bible lesson and various crafts. If you would like volunteer or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).

Dordt International Friendship Family Program

The Dordt Office of Global Education wants to invite local church members to participate in our International Friendship Family Program. Families can sign up to host one or more international students. We are hoping that this program serves both the international students and families well. For international students, the program provides an opportunity for them to get off campus, build new relationships, be invited to an American home, and engage in the local community. Families can take this as an opportunity to learn and embrace different cultures and get to know students and their stories. For more information, contact David Lee (David.Lee@dordt.edu or 722-6273)

Benefit Concert

The Hope Heralds, a Reformed men's chorus from the West Michigan area, will present a Benefit Concert on Friday night, **August 23** at 7 PM. The concert will be held at Trinity CRC (2020 8th St SE, Rock Valley). A free will offering will be taken and will all be donated to flood relief for the NW Iowa area. The choir will be joined by a group of men from our area for some of the songs. Join us for an evening of praise to our heavenly Father.

Volunteers Needed for Love INC Classes

If you have a heart for helping others, we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities include childcare, financial mentors, prayer partners, and hospitality! Please call the Love INC office (712-476-5990) to find out more about ways to serve your community! Our fall class session starts **August 27**.

Dordt Faculty Organ Recital

You are invited to a faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ at Dordt University, on Saturday, **August 31**, at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The evening will feature standards by Bruhns, Bach, and Sweelinck, along with works by composers of our time—a duet for flute and organ by Emma Lou Diemer, a fanfare by Craig Phillips, and variations on the beloved "Old Hundredth" tune by Denis Bédard. The recital will include collaborations with Jessi Rose, flute, and Rheinberger's lyrical "Cantilène" with Marian Casey, cello. In addition, Dr. Michael Kearney, a new faculty member in the Communication Department, will perform one of his own organ compositions based on the hymn tune MELITA and the Genevan Psalter tune of Psalm 107.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Netherlands Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$3,336.00

Christian Education Fund: \$682.00

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 25
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	Andy L ♦ Marty VP	Nick B ♦ James R
Nursery	AM: Kyle & Andrea D, Steve & Pat C	AM: Ethan & Donna B, James & Courtney R

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
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Steve Crull, Savannah Lief, Barb Mellema, Shaun Stiemsma, Daniel Ver Steeg, Chris Goedhart, John Zwart

Happy Anniversary this Week

Del & Lois Vander Zee, John & Linda Visser

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Joint CRC Worship Service (at Bethel CRC)
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
Sunday, 25th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers