

**SUNDAY, September 15, 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**

In these coming weeks, Pastor Joel will be preaching through the book of James, and we will gather at the Table for communion. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening This Week**

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 share our joys and concerns.

### **Sunday Evening Prairie Walk Worship**

Can you remember all the way back to the WE service in May of 2022, when we spent time learning about the faith practice of *Wonder*? We have an opportunity next Sunday, **September 22**, at 6:00 PM, to again practice wonder as we gather for worship out at the Dordt prairie. Plan to park in the theater arts building parking lot and meet at the northwest side.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Directory Updates**

It's that time of year again! Please check your directory listing on the printout at the table in the fellowship hall and make any changes/additions or mark that it's ok. If your kids have a phone number or an email to add, feel free to write those in. And if you're not currently on the directory but would like to be, add your name and email to the back page and I'll contact you for more information! Thank you!

### **All Church Picnic**

Join us today, **September 15**, after our morning service for our annual all church picnic at the Children's Park shelter house. The meal will begin about 12:30. Dordt students and guests are encouraged to join us!

### **Cadet Registration**

Cadet registration will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **September 18** at Faith CRC. All boys in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. We would like a parent to accompany their son to fill out forms with the counselors. The cost is \$45 for returning cadets and \$60 for new cadets. If you have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or [fbcadets@gmail.com](mailto:fbcadets@gmail.com)).

### **Youth Group Kick Off**

High school students: we invite you to join us for a youth group kick off campfire on Wednesday, **September 18** at 7 PM at the Van Schouwens' house. (1182 8th Ave SE).

### **Covenant Sunday Morning**

Covenant Sunday Morning (Covenant's Adult Sunday School) will resume Sunday, **September 22** at 9 AM in the Council Room. Join us for a book discussion of Kaitlyn Schiess' book, *The Bible and the Ballot: How Scripture Has Been Used and Abused in American Politics and Where We Go From Here*. You are asked to purchase a copy of the book and be prepared to discuss the introduction and first chapter, "City on a Hill" at our first session. (If you need assistance purchasing a book, contact Sara in the church office.) We encourage the formation of (an) additional group(s) to study this book at (an) alternate time(s). For questions or comments, contact Chris Goedhart ([goedhartxian@gmail.com](mailto:goedhartxian@gmail.com)).

### **Small Group Ministry**

Would you like to be part of a small group at Covenant? While there are groups at Covenant you may enjoy participating in, the Small Group Ministry has the particular goal of meeting regularly (1-2 times a month) for fellowship, nurture, prayer, worship, and outreach. Groups are intergenerational, including families, couples, and singles. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith ([bob.desmith@dordt.edu](mailto:bob.desmith@dordt.edu) or 712-441-7433).

### **Job Opening**

Dale and June Brands informed the Building Committee that they will be retiring from their position as Covenant's custodians in mid-October. We are seeking an individual or a family to take over this paid position which is typically 15-20 hours per week. We will consider a joint application between two families or an individual and a family. A written copy of the job

description is available from Sara in the church office. For more details or to express interest, contact Chris Goedhart, ([goedhartxian@gmail.com](mailto:goedhartxian@gmail.com)).

### Justice & Mercy Committee

Are you interested in hearing more directly about what the Justice and Mercy Committee is doing? If so, please [sign up for our email list](#). This signup does not indicate any sort of commitment, but will be a more direct way that we can communicate opportunities for service in our community, share stories, and encourage engagement in local justice and mercy issues. Questions? Contact Dani Wyenberg.

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy congregation and the ministry of Pastor Deb Rensink.

### Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,033.00

Christian Education Fund: \$760.00

### 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 September 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, September 22
Greeters	AM: Marcy H, Mark MC, Sherri TN	
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Sharon D, Trena VW	
Coffee	Wil A, Joan MC, Stan VB, Marty VP, Dani W	
Subs	Sarah H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Dennis VP, Kris VP, Jake VW	
Valet Parking	Tricia K	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ + Terry F	Andy L + John S
Nursery	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Doug & Marge DB	AM: Channon & Joni V, Laura J

### 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  
[mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com)

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Adam Kramer, Charlie Wyenberg, Pam Adams, Oliver Moss, Lee Plasier

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Church Picnic (at Children's Park)
	6:00 PM	Vespers
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Kick Off Campfire (Van Schouwens' house)
	7:00 PM	Cadet Registration (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Prairie Walk & Worship (at Dordt Prairie)