

SUNDAY, September 8, 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](#) gospel reading in Mark and we will gather at the Table for communion. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening This Week

Faith CRC invites you to join them in their sanctuary at 5:00 PM (note the earlier time!) this Sunday, **September 8** for the last combined summer evening service. Pastor John Lee will bring God's Word and the offering is designated for the Family Crisis Center. A nursery will be provided in the lower level. A root beer float social will follow the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cadet Kick Off

The Cadet kickoff party will take place on Saturday, **September 14** at Sandy Hollow from 2-5 PM. Join us for outside activities ranging from canoeing to yard games. If you have questions, please reach out to Clark De Vries (712-441-3944). Cadet registration will take place on **September 18** at Faith CRC.

Pork 'N Bands

The annual Pork 'N Bands event will take place at the Fruited Plain on Saturday, **September 14**. Come out for good food, fellowship, and an evening of music! The meal will be served from 5-7 PM and is a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund, and we'd love some help with this event. If you can volunteer to help, please [sign up here](#), and if you're able to bring some donated items, [sign up here](#). You can also sign up at the table in the fellowship hall!

All Church Picnic

On Sunday **September 15**, after the morning service, we will gather for our annual all church picnic at the Children's Park shelter house. We will be sharing a potluck lunch with each family bringing a hot and cold dish to share along with your own table service. The meal will begin about 12:30. Dordt students are encouraged to join us! Plates and silverware will be provided for Dordt students. Drinks will also be provided for all.

Youth Group Kick Off

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

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).

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 still looking for 1-2 counselors for 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).

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.

Dordt Pops Concert

You are cordially invited to the BJ Haan Auditorium at 7:00 PM on **September 13** for the annual Pops Concert performed by the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles. This year the Chamber Orchestra and Mass Band will raise the red, white, and blue as they perform a concert of patriotic favorites! Come and join us for an evening of inspiration and fun.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,800.00

Christian Education Fund: \$836.42

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 15
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	Doug DB + Jason W	Dennis DJ + Tery F
Nursery	AM: Jason & Sara H, Mark & Lisa C	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Doug & Marge DB

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
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 8th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Joint CRC Worship Service (at Faith CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS Counselors Meeting
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Saturday	2:00 PM	Cadet Kick Off (at Sandy Hollow)
	5:00 PM	Pork 'N Bands (at The Fruited Plain Café)
Sunday, 15th	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