

**SUNDAY, June 8, 2025**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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**

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Today is Pentecost, a day when we celebrate the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to spread the good news to all. And as Christ followers, we are empowered by the same Holy Spirit who filled the disciples on the very first Pentecost and called to be sent out too! Today we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening**

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.

### **Evening Schedule in June**

**June 15** is Father's Day and we will not hold a service at Covenant in the evening but instead encourage family/community/small group gatherings! On **June 22** we will gather at 6:00 PM for an Edifying Engagement – more details to come. And then on **June 29**, we will gather again for Vespers.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Out of the Office**

Sara will have very limited availability in the office this week Tuesday through Thursday, **June 10-12** and will be out of the office **June 13-23**. Rebecca DeVries will cover the basics while Sara's gone, so please be patient with her as she does her own work plus some extra office work!

### **Early Bulletin Deadline**

Please send all bulletin announcements to the office this week by Wednesday, **June 11** at noon.

### **From the Justice & Mercy Committee:**

There are just a few weeks left in our Citizenship class! Please consider joining us in this work – we still have some openings for volunteer positions for the next few weeks of classes. If you would like to help as a welcoming host, conversation leader, or by providing a snack, please [sign up here](#) or contact Dani Wyenberg or Joya Breems.

### **Children's Worship Leaders Needed**

Are you interested in being a leader for Children and Worship? If you enjoy young children and are interested in helping them worship in age-appropriate ways during our worship services, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Cheri Horstman (712-441-4562 or [mchorst@mtcnet.net](mailto:mchorst@mtcnet.net)).

### **Dordt Alumni Choir Concert**

A choral ensemble comprised of Dordt Concert Choir alumni (including 6 Covenant members!) will be performing a pre-tour concert on Thursday **June 12** at 4:00 PM at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. The choir will be leaving the next day on a tour to the Netherlands and Germany, performing five additional concerts while they travel. The program will include music from a variety of eras and composers and will include sets focused on the Psalms; God's love and mercy; Christ's birth, life, and sacrifice; and American folk traditions.

### **Bible Trivia Night**

You're invited to participate in a Bible Trivia Night hosted by RJ's Tap and Indoor Golf (2833 St. Andrew's Way) on Thursday, **June 12** at 7 PM. This event will last roughly an hour and a half, and will be led by Scott and Ginger Culpepper. We are inviting multiple churches to this event, hoping to get a few groups of 6 individuals from each. This is a free event, with no cost to the groups who sign up; however if groups would like to order food, drinks, or golf before/after the event they are welcome to! If you'd like to sign up a group, contact Devin Endel ([devin.endel@gmail.com](mailto:devin.endel@gmail.com))

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

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Interim Pastor Rosalyn De Koster.

**Last week's offering**    General Fund: \$3,320.00    Christian Education Fund: \$295.00    Building Fund: \$295.00

### 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 June 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, June 15
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Paul C, Dennis DJ, Kris VP	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Stan VB, Linda V, Kurt V	
<b>Coffee</b>	Jo A, Luke H, Daryl H, Jeri S, Dani W	
<b>Subs</b>	Jan B, Doug DB, Jason H, Gidge M, Don TN, Lois VZ	
<b>Valet Parking</b>	Duane B	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Will B + Tom C	Andy L + John S
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM:</b> Daryl & Deb H, Kris & Marty VP	<b>AM:</b> Michael & Adi VP, Chris & Rin G

### 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

*Jeri Schelhaas, William Clark, Sarah Hawley, Amira Ribbens, Sage Jewett, Joya Breems, Cal Jongsma*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Don & Sherri Ten Napel, Marty & Kris Vander Plaats, Mike & Megan Ribbens, Lee & Jenni Mellema, Les & Lila Sybesma, Terry & Jill Friend*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Citizenship Class Elders/Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Women's Book Study Citizenship Class
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship