SUNDAY, June 22, 2025

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
Welcome to worship this Sunday! We have entered the season of Ordinary Time, a time to encourage growth in faith and in living out the Gospel in daily life. This morning we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Sunday Evening Gathering
This evening at 6:00 PM we will gather at 6:00 PM for an Edifying Engagement. We will hear some stories and reflections from members of Covenant who serving our Lord through various ministries. We will hear from at least two members about various ministries they're involved in – the wheelchair ministry at Hope Haven, Justice For All, Crossroads Prison Ministry, and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). This gathering will include dialogue and a time for questions and answers, and we believe it will encourage you to thank our Lord and continue listening to his call to follow Jesus in all we do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Courier
Do you have something you'd like to include in the July Courier? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Tuesday, **June 24**.

Out of the Office
Sara will be back in the office on **June 24**. Please be patient as I catch up! Pastor Joel will be out of the office from **June 25-July 7**. During this time, please contact your Pastoral Group elder/deacon with any pastoral needs.

Congregational Survey
The council requests that all voting members of the congregation participate in a congregational survey. The results of this survey will help us update our mission statement, be used in the pastoral search process and provide a pulse on measures of 'congregational health'. There are two questions in each of eleven categories and four open ended questions. This anonymous survey can be accessed online or through the QR code **June 16-July 6**. Paper copies of the survey will also be provided if requested. Thanks for your participation!

Pastoral Group Updates
With new elders and deacons in place, the Pastoral Group lists have been updated to reflect the new elder/deacon teams. You can find the Pastoral Group list on our website.

Thanks from the Justice and Mercy Committee
Last week was the last week of our Citizenship class. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and their gifts and to all who prayed for this ministry over the last few months.

F.O.S.S.I.L (60+) Gathering
The 60+ group will meet on Monday, June 30. For those who can, we will plan to meet early (4:00 P.M.) at the home of Dennis Vander Plaats where he will show us his workshop, wood-working projects, ho scale train set, and native prairie. After that we will gather in the church fellowship hall (@5:30 - 7:00) for a meal together. RSVP to Pat Crull at spcrull@mtcnet.net.

New Roots Ministry Opportunities
"Strangers No More Cross Cultural Training" will be from 9 AM—2 PM, Saturday, **July 12**, at Empower Campus (1915 E 8th St, Sioux Falls). After some Bible study, we'll do a cross-cultural scavenger hunt, then eat in an ethnic restaurant. It's free, besides money for the meal and shopping in ethnic stores. This training will equip you to welcome and witness to the world at your doorstep as you discover the nations next door and learn to love them like Jesus. To register or ask questions, text or call Fred Wilgenburg of New Roots Ministry (605-376-6330) or Aaron Myers of Crescent Project (605-659-5961).

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: $6,940.20 Christian Education Fund: $994.40 Building Fund: $1,774.40

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 May 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 29
Greeters	**AM:** Paul C, Dennis DJ, Kris VP	
Ushers	**AM:** Stan VB, Linda V, Kurt V	
Coffee	Jo A, Luke H, Daryl H, Jeri S, Dani W	
Subs	Jan B, Doug DB, Jason H, Gidge M, Don TN, Lois VZ	
Valet Parking	Duane B	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ✦ Rebecca DV	Jeff P ✦ Marty VP
Nursery	**AM:** Lee & Jenni M, Jeremy & Kristi H	**AM:** Tom & Ruth C, Duane & Jan B

Encouraging our Missionaries
Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@acsi.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Donna Brue, Isabella Hannigan, Logan Hannigan, Barb Tazelaar, Rachel Landman, Gaby Castelan Rangel, Sally Jongsma, Alyda Mellema

Happy Anniversary this Week
Stan & Beth Vanden Berg, Tom & Ruth Clark, Vaughn & Becky Donahue, Bob & Rebecca DeSmith, Nick & Jenni Breems, Laremy & Rebecca DeVries, Rock & Joan McCarthy, Jim & Barb Schaap

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 22nd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Edifying Engagement
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Sunday, 29th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers