SUNDAY, July 20, 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 have the privilege of witnessing the profession of faith of Morgan Hummel, daughter of Jeremy and Kristi. And we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Sunday Evening Prairie Walk
This Sunday evening, **July 20**, at 6:00 PM we invite you to gather at the Dordt Prairie for a Prairie Walk. We will meet at the entrance to the prairie nearest to the Theater Arts building. We will walk and wonder, pause and consider the lilies... and the bugs and seeds and birds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Courier
Do you have something to include in the August Courier? Send it to church (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **July 21**!

Conversation with Ben & Tricia
Next Sunday, **July 27**, at 6:00 PM, Ben and Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk will join us for our evening gathering and will share about their work at LCC International University in Lithuania through Resonate Global Mission. We hope many of you can join us for a time of conversation and connecting with our Covenant mission partners!

FOSSIL July Gathering
The F.O.S.S.I.L. group will meet in the church fellowship hall on Monday, **July 28**, 5:30-7:00 PM, for a summertime meal and fellowship. Please RSVP to Pat Crull at spcrull@mtcnet.net.

Children & Worship
Our Children & Worship program is taking a summer break and will resume in August.

From the Council:
Covenant's council met on Monday to appoint a Pastoral Search Committee. We received 32 member nominations from the congregation, many of whom allowed their name to stand. Out of this group the council chose nine members from the congregation at large, with a tenth member being a council liaison. The following will serve as our pastoral search committee: Faby Addink, Tom Clark, Laremy De Vries, Jayden Dykstra, Jill Friend, Sally Jongsma, Jeff Ploegstra (Chair), Shannon Schreurs, Jackson Visscher, Dennis Vander Plaats (Council liaison). We ask the congregation to support the committee's work through your prayers and suggestions.

Can You Help?
Jason Lief is gathering some items to furnish the apartments of South Sudanese students who will be coming **August 1**. These are the items that are needed: Twin XL sheet sets (10), Twin XL mattress pads (5), blankets (5), comforter/quilt (5), pillows (5), lamps (3). He is asking that the sheets, mattress pads, and pillows be new. The other items can be gently used. Contact Jason Lief (jsonlief@gmail.com) if you can help provide any of these items.

Bible League Fundraiser
Plan now to attend Bible League's "Christmas in July " at Sibley First Reformed Church (1010 6th Street) on Monday, **July 28** starting at 1:30 PM. Enjoy a silent auction, Bible League updates, dessert, and fellowship. You won't want to miss it. Also, please remember to donate an item such as bake goods, crafts, plants, garden products, etc. for the silent auction. Proceeds will support the growing need for Bibles throughout the world.

Summer Choir Opportunity
All interested singers high school age and older are invited to join a summer choir that will sing during the evening combined service at First CRC on Sunday, **August 3**. We will have one rehearsal in the sanctuary at First at 4:30 PM before the service. Please contact Jennifer Monroe (kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loefke.

Last week's offering General Fund: $7,120.00 Christian Education Fund: $895.00 Building Fund: $2,505.00

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 July 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, July 27
Greeters	**AM:** Pam DJ, Rachel L, Adeline VP	
Ushers	**AM:** Carol O, Amanda VB, John V	
Coffee	Duane B, June DW, Jill F, Rin G, Andy L	
Subs	Jenni B, Ruth Clo, Pat C, Tricia K, Rock MC, Lee R	
Valet Parking	Duane B	
Sound/Projection	Will B ✦ Terry Friend	Doug DB ✦ Ryan Z
Nursery	**AM:** John & Linda V, James & Courtney R	**AM:** Rob & Megan H, Steve & Pat C

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
Miriam Groenewold, Pastor Gianni Gracia, Samantha Hummel

Happy Anniversary this Week
Michael & Adeline Vander Plaats, Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Prairie Walk (Dordt Prairie)
Wednesday	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 27th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Conversation & Q&A with the Groenewold-Van Dyks