SUNDAY, July 27, 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 are in the season of Ordinary Time, a time to encourage growth in faith and in living out the Gospel in daily life. We will again focus on the Lectionary passage from the book of Luke. And we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Conversation with Ben & Tricia
This 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Courier
The August Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our website.

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.

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.

Katelyn's Fund Picnic
Save the date for Katelyn's Fund Kick-off Picnic on Tuesday, **August 12** at 5:30 PM. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at the Children's Park Shelter House in Sioux Center. Drinks, hotdogs, and chips will be provided; bring a lawn chair. RSVP here.

Join the Hope Haven Distribution Trip to Costa Rica!
We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven, happening **October 21–28, 2025**. This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across Costa Rica. Whether you're passionate about serving others, building relationships, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. Deadline to sign up is **September 1**. If you feel called to join or want more details, contact Kelly TeSlaa (kteslaa@hopehaven.org or 605-332-8300). Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus—one wheelchair at a time.

Called to Be a Voice
In Scripture, we're called to "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." CASA volunteers do just that. They serve as the voice of children in foster care, ensuring their needs are not overlooked and their well-being remains at the center of every decision. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, and volunteers take on just one case at a time—advocating for the best interest of a child in court, in school, and in the community. It's a unique and impactful way to serve, especially for those who feel called to help vulnerable children in their community. Volunteers come from all walks of life, and no legal experience is needed—just a heart for kids and a few hours a month. Want to learn more? Visit hhs.iowa.gov/CASA or call 1-866-448-4608. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus to the children who need us most.

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: $3,795.00 Christian Education Fund: $675.00 Building Fund: $1,925.00

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, August 3
Greeters	**AM:** Pam DJ, Rachel L, Adeline VP	**AM:** Donna B, Laremy DV, Shirley M
Ushers	**AM:** Carol O, Amanda VB, John V	**AM:** Verlyn DW, Ron O, Laurey Z
Coffee	Duane B, June DW, Jill F, Rin G, Andy L	Marge DB, Lisa C, Len R, Dave S, Beth VB
Subs	Jenni B, Ruth Clo, Pat C, Tricia K, Rock MC, Lee R	Sharon D, Cheri H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Jake VW, Del VZ
Valet Parking	Duane B	Marcy H
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ✦ Ryan Z	Nick B ✦ James R
Nursery	**AM:** Rob & Megan H, Steve & Pat C	**AM:** Kurt & Sharon V, Bob & Rebecca DV

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

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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
Jason Lief, Marge DeBoer, Ruth Clousing

Happy Anniversary this Week
Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma, Jeremy & Kristi Hummel, Daniel & Erika Ver Steeg, Jason & Tammy Lief

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 27th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Conversation & Q&A with the Groenewold-Van Dyks
Monday	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 3rd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:30 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC)
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Worship (at First CRC)