SUNDAY, August 3, 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. Today Pastor Joel will focus on the Lectionary passage from the book of Colossians. And we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Joint CRC Worship Service
First CRC invites you to a joint CRC evening worship service this Sunday, **August 3**, at 6:00 PM. Pastor Bob Pollema from Faith CRC will bring God's Word to us. The offering is designated for ATLAS of Sioux Center and a nursery will be available. Join us for ice cream sundaes and fellowship following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children & Worship
Our Children & Worship program is resuming this Sunday! We invite kids age 3 through kindergarten to go downstairs for an age-appropriate time of worship when indicated during our morning service.

Youth Group Parent Meeting
This Sunday, the youth leaders would like to hold a brief informational meeting for parents of high schoolers to talk about their plans and to seek your hopes and ideas for the coming year. Please plan to gather in the Youth Room 5-10 minutes after the morning service.

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 CRC at 4:30 PM before the service. Please contact Jennifer Monroe (kurtandjennifer@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Volunteer at Hope Food Pantry
Wednesday, **August 6**, is Covenant's third and final summer staffing commitment for the Hope Food Pantry. We need to provide five volunteers for the 1:30 to 3:30 PM shift and four volunteers for the 3:30 to 5:30 PM shift. Please consider offering your time; you will be impressed and inspired by how our community is ministering to those who need a little extra help feeding themselves and their families. If you can help, text or email Sally Jongsma (712.441.7020 or jongsma@mtcnet.net).

Cello & Piano Recital
You are invited to a cello and piano recital given by Benjamin Ploegstra here at Covenant on Friday, **August 8** at 7:00 PM. Benjamin will be playing works by Haydn, Bach, Dvořák, Debussy, and more. And join us for refreshments afterward!

NAMI Support Group
The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, **August 5** at the **Sioux Center Public Library** with a slightly different format. The Educational Program from 7:00-7:45 PM is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: Healthy Minds TV – "NAMI: The National Alliance on Mental Illness" with NAMI CEO, Daniel Gillison. From 7:45-8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, contact Shirley (722-4462) or Nate (402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com).

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.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Whispers of Love, Hope, & Joy congregation and the ministry of Pastor Deb Rensink.

Last week's offering General Fund: $3,575.00 Christian Education Fund: $171.60 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 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 10
Greeters	**AM:** Donna B, Laremy DV, Shirley M	
Ushers	**AM:** Verlyn DW, Ron O, Laurey Z	
Coffee	Marge DB, Lisa C, Len R, Dave S, Beth VB	
Subs	Sharon D, Cheri H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Jake VW, Del VZ	
Valet Parking	Marcy H	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ✦ James R	Jeff P ✦ Marty VP
Nursery	**AM:** Rob & Megan H, Kurt & Sharon V	**AM:** Luke & Sarah H, Nick & Jenni 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
Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Faith Van Schouwen, Laurey Zwart, Micah Dykstra, Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber, Juliet Jewett, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra, Carlene Van Schouwen

Happy Anniversary this Week
Verlyn & June DeWit, Ryan & Angela Hannigan, Jeff & Sara Ploegstra, Ron & Carol Oostra

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 3rd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Youth Group Parent Meeting (Youth Room)
	4:30 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC)
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Worship (at First CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
	1:30 PM	Hope Food Pantry Volunteering
Sunday, 10th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:30 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC)
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Worship (at First CRC)