SUNDAY, August 10, 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 begin a series on the book of Hebrews. And we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Sunday Evening Vespers
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Your Cucumbers for Pickle Night!
Covenant will host a community canning night on Wednesday, **August 13** at 6:00 PM. Whether you're a seasoned pickler or a total novice, you're invited to join in on the fun! If you have cucumbers, jars, or other supplies you can bring, please sign up via this link: https://forms.gle/rr9SnCx1iCA1RJcG8 or on the sign-up sheet at church.

Back to School at Covenant!
The Sunday School year is fast approaching, with our first day being on Sunday, **September 7**, at 9:00 AM. As we start to get organized, I would like to put a call out for anyone interested in joining our Sunday School team. We need 1-2 more teachers for the 5th-6th-grade group. Please email Megan Haan (meganhaan@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve in our Sunday School program!

Cadet Counselors Needed
The Cadets are looking for Counselors for this year. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (FCBcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249). College students are welcome to help as a junior counselor.

Everyday Ambassador Practicum
The "Everyday-Ambassador Practicum" will be held from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, **August 16**, at the Empower Campus (1915 E 8th St, Sioux Falls). Come for good snacks and beverages, interactive Bible study, getting "tooled-up," then going out in an engaging environment as Jesus' ambassadors. It's free! This training will equip you to more readily rise up as God's representative wherever you are, and as one about whom He proclaims: "beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News." Questions or to register, text or call Fred of New Roots Ministry (605-376-6330) or Aaron Myers of Crescent Project, (605-659-5961).

Bible League Conference
Mark **September 8-9** on your calendar and register now so you don't miss out on the popular conference hosted each year by Bible League's Volunteer Ambassadors! This year's theme is "Beyond Yesterday" with Jason VanRuler. Jennifer Frens and friends will lead us in a time of worship. And you'll have the opportunity to provide God's Word for children around the world. Click this link for more information and to register: https://registration.socio.events/e/25siouxcenter.

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 Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Last week's offering General Fund: $4,665.00 Christian Education Fund: $480.00 Building Fund: $580.00

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 August 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 17
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	Jeff P ✦ Marty VP	Doug DB ✦ John S
Nursery	**AM:** Luke & Sarah H, Nick & Jenni B	**AM:** Andy & Rachel L, Mark & Cheri H

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
Dani Wyenberg, Kathleen Van Tol, Deb Hibma, Blake Stiemsma

Happy Anniversary this Week
Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Jason & Amanda Vande Brake, Benjamin & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk, Ryan & Amie Smit, Kyle & Andrea Dieleman, John & Laurey Zwart

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 10th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer Group Pickle Making Night
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 17th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Edifying Engagement