SUNDAY, August 17, 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 our daily life. Pastor Joel will continue his 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 Edifying Engagement
At our Sunday evening gathering at 6:00 PM, Dale and Vicki Hawley will share some experiences and insights flowing from their work alongside missionaries in Europe and around the world. This will be an interesting Edifying Engagement, and we encourage you to participate. After Dale and Vicki offer a presentation, we will have time for questions, answers, and dialogue. This will be a way for us to reflect on how, even amid all the bad news in our world, the good news of Christ continues to make disciples in all nations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOSSIL Gathering
The F.O.S.S.I.L. group will meet in the church fellowship hall at 5:30 PM on Monday, **August 25** for a meal and fellowship. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to spcrull@mtcnet.net.

From the Council:
Church visitors Rev. Bob Drenten and Elder Rick De Boom will meet with our council for a routine visit on **August 25**. The purpose of their visit is to encourage our leadership in the ministry of our church and to provide advice as requested. They are assigned to this task by Classis Iakota.

Save the Date!
We look forward to the annual Pork 'N Bands event at the Fruited Plain on Saturday, **September 6**! Watch for more information to come about how you can help with Covenant's pulled pork meal fundraiser that evening!

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.

It's an Auction Year!
We are looking for another member or two to join the Christian Education Auction Committee. The auction raises funds to support Christian education costs for our families. It takes place in February and is a highlight for many. If you feel called to serve or have questions, talk to Val Zonnefeld (valoriez25@gmail.com).

SCCS Beginning of the Year Events
Sioux Center Christian School invites you to celebrate the goodness of God in the completion of the Blazer Center campus addition. You are invited to an Open House on Friday, **August 22** from 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM with a ribbon cutting at 10 AM. We also invite you to our Dedication Chapel on Wednesday, **August 27** at 8:30 AM. You are welcome to enter through our new Lobby entrance on the SW side of school or our Main entrance for both events. Did you work at SCCS or serve on our board? We invite you to a Reception Celebrating God's Faithful Servants – Past & Present on Thursday, **August 21** from 8:30-10:00 AM. An RSVP is appreciated at www.siouxcenterchristian.com.

Love INC Love & Learn Classes
Love & Learn classes begin Tuesday, **August 26**, at 6:45 PM at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. This session we are offering Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. For more information about the classes or to register please contact Love INC Sioux County (712-476-5990 or email Danica at ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org).

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.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering General Fund: $7,995.00 Christian Education Fund: $1,015.00 Building Fund: $915.00

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 24
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	Doug DB ✦ John S	Dennis DeJong ✦ Tom Clark
Nursery	**AM:** Andy & Rachel L, Mark & Cheri H	**AM:** Mark & Lisa C, Laura J

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
Steve Crull, Savannah Lief, Barb Mellema, Shaun Stiemsma, Daniel Ver Steeg, Chris Goedhart, John Zwart

Happy Anniversary this Week
Jake & Trena Van Wyk, Del & Lois Vander Zee, John & Linda Visser

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 17th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Edifying Engagement: Dale & Vicki Hawley
Wednesday	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group
Sunday, 24th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers