SUNDAY, August 24, 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 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

September Courier
If you have something to include in the September Courier, send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **August 25**.

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.

Labor Day Worship Gathering at the Fruited Plain Cafe
On Monday, **September 1** you are invited to a night of singing and praying on the theme of Work and Worship. Covenant CRC and Good Shepherd Church will co-host. Together, we'll sing songs from the Porter's Gate songwriting collective from their album *Worship for Workers* and spend time in prayer for our city and county and the work and workers here. The event begins at 7:00 PM and will be held at the Fruited Plain Cafe even though it will be closed for Labor Day. For more information on the Worship for Workers project, go to worshipforworkers.com.

Pork 'N Bands
We look forward to the annual Pork 'N Bands event at the Fruited Plain on Saturday, **September 6**! We will once again be holding a pulled pork meal fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund with this event, and we hope you will help us make this event successful! We invite you to sign up to work (https://bit.ly/workporknbands) and/or to bring food (https://bit.ly/donateporknbands) There is also a paper sign-up sheet at the welcome table! Bring your lawn chairs and plan to come out for live music and good food!

Back to School at Covenant!
Our Sunday School year begins on Sunday, **September 7**, at 9:00 AM. And we'll celebrate the beginning of the school year with an all church picnic on Sunday, **September 14** at Children's Park. Watch for more information to come!

Needed!
We're looking for suggestions for books/topics/speakers for Covenant Sunday Morning, our adult Sunday School class, for the upcoming school year. Covenant Sunday morning typically has used a discussion format to inform and 'form' during the hour before our morning service. Please send your suggestions to Chris Goedhart (goedhartxian@gmail.com).

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 Dedication Chapel
Sioux Center Christian School invites you to our Dedication Chapel on Wednesday, **August 27** at 8:30 AM. We will join in worship with all 520+ students in the Blazer Center and praise God for His goodness as we dedicate the new school year and our new and old spaces to the training of His treasured children, praying His transforming work in young lives will continue this year and for years to come.

NAMI Support Group
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, **September 2** at the Sioux Center Public Library. An educational program from 7-7:45 PM is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: NAMI: In Our Own Voice presented by NAMI members Kir Cosgrove and Nate Huyser. 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).

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 Bridge of Hope congregation and the ministry of Pastors Sam and Gail Ashmore.

Last week's offering General Fund: $3,668.00 Christian Education Fund: $915.00 Building Fund: $1,675.00

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 31
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	Dennis DJ ✦ Tom C	Will B ✦ Jason W
Nursery	**AM:** Mark & Lisa C, Laura J	**AM:** Ethan & Donna B, Jason & Sara 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
Connor Visscher, Dave Schelhaas, Melissa Bailey, Jason Vande Brake

Happy Anniversary this Week
Len & Lee Rhoda

Thank You!
We want to express our gratitude to God for all of you who have functioned as His angels in providing prayers and helping us clean up the storm damage at our home. Your support has been overwhelming and far beyond our expectations. Thank you for your love and support! -Duane and Jan Bajema

Membership Transfer
Rylan Brue has transferred his membership to Borculo CRC in Borculo, MI.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
Monday	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	FOSSIL Gathering Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers