SUNDAY, August 31, 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.

Joint CRC Worship
We will be hosting the final joint CRC evening worship service next Sunday, **September 7**, at 6:00 PM. Pastor John Lee from Bethel CRC will bring God's Word to us. Nursery will be available and we invite you to stay for ice cream sandwiches and fellowship following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, College Students!
We're so glad you have joined us for worship today! Please join us for coffee and treats after the service! We believe that college is an important time to celebrate your God-given gifts and to experience the larger body of Christ. We celebrate the involvement of college students in worship leadership and church life. Let us know if you would like to be more involved in worship, serving, or fellowship by filling out this survey: https://forms.gle/YuFVXvRQGYmbzc2U8. We look forward to getting to know you!

Children in Worship
There will be no Children in Worship today, **August 31**. It will resume next Sunday!

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

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 it successful! We invite you to sign up to volunteer on Saturday (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! Food will be served from 5:00-7:00 PM. 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 at 9:00 AM on Sunday, **September 7** for students in grades 1-10. Students in grades 11-12 will be participating in the mentoring program. And Covenant Sunday Morning, our adult class, will begin in a few weeks. Watch for more information to come!

All Church Picnic
We plan to celebrate the beginning of the school year with an all church picnic on Sunday, **September 14** at Children's Park. Dordt students are encouraged to join us! We'll be sharing a potluck lunch and suggest each family bring a hot and a cold dish to share, along with your own table service. (Plates and silverware will be provided for Dordt students and they don't need to bring food!). Drinks will be provided for all. The meal will begin around 12:15 PM.

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).

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).

Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series
The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Marco den Toom, organist, composer, and conductor, from Kampen, The Netherlands in the following events: an Organ Recital on Friday, **September 5**, 7:00 PM, a Masterclass on

Improvisation, Friday, **September 5**, 3:10 PM; and a Masterclass on Romantic Organ Repertoire, Saturday, **September 6**, 10:00–11:00 AM. All events will take place in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and are open for the public to attend. Marco den Toom studied organ at the Utrecht Conservatory and is an organist at the Bovenkerk in Kampen, The Netherlands. Marco den Toom's performance is sponsored by the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

Piano Recital
You are invited to the piano recital of Dordt University sophomore Josiah Vos. This free recital will be held on Saturday, **September 6**, at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Piano repertoire will include pieces by Bach, Chopin, Faure, and Debussy. Vos will also be featuring a Piano Sonata composed by Willem Pijper, an early 20th century Dutch composer. Vos of Sioux City, IA is double majoring in Music: Piano Performance and Pedagogy and Mathematics. He is currently studying piano with James March. (And he just happens to be the nephew of Nick and Jenni Breems!)

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 by **August 31**: https://registration.socio.events/e/25siouxcenter.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Ron Boersema.

Last week's offering General Fund: $6,170.00 Christian Education Fund: $1,153.41 Building Fund: $715.00

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, September 7
Greeters	**AM:** Donna B, Laremy DV, Shirley M	**AM:** Alejandro C, Terry F, Les S
Ushers	**AM:** Verlyn DW, Ron O, Laurey Z	**AM:** Rebecca DS, Shaun S, Sherri TN
Coffee	Marge DB, Lisa C, Len R, Dave S, Beth VB	Wil A, Trena VW, Marty VP, Sharon V, Marcia W
Subs	Sharon D, Cheri H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Jake VW, Del VZ	Steve C, Deb H, Marcy H, Kristi H, Joni V, John Z
Valet Parking	Marcy H	Jeff/Shirley T
Sound/Projection	Will B✦ Jason W	Andy L✦ James R
Nursery	**AM:** Ethan & Donna B, Jason & Sara H	**AM:** Doug & Marge DB, Alejandro & Isabel C **PM:** Ryan & Val Z, Ron & Carol O

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
Andrea Dieleman, Angela Hannigan, Isaac Maletoungou, Val Zonnefeld, Marcia Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week
Tim & Mimi Kamp

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Labor Day Work & Worship Gathering (at the Fruited Plain Café)
Wednesday	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Search Committee
Saturday	4:00 PM	Pork 'N Bands (at the Fruited Plain Café)
Sunday, 7th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism (grades 1-10) Morning Worship Vespers