## SUNDAY, September 21, 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 in his series on the book of Jeremiah and we will gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

**Sunday Evening Edifying Engagement**
We invite you to join us on Sunday at 6:00 PM to reflect on the church health survey many members of our congregation filled out recently as we together discern our calling as a congregation and how we can work, pray, and hope for our future. Council Chair Chris Goedhart will lead the gathering, which will include considerable time for healthy dialogue. We hope you consider coming.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Update your Directory Listing**
Can you take a minute to check your directory listing on the table in the fellowship hall? We would love to have the most up-to-date information for you! Feel free to add contact info for your kids and make any changes as needed, or mark okay if everything is correct!

**Picture Directory**
Each year we put out a new church directory and we try to include a picture directory every few years. We'd love to have a picture of you! If you didn't have your picture taken at the picnic, find Jo Alberda at church on Sunday, **September 21 or 28** to have your photo taken.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study**
We invite you to be part of the Sunday Evening Bible Study group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after our evening gatherings. We will meet this Sunday, **September 21**, after our Edifying Engagement for coffee and treats to decide what to study this fall. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome.

**Church Fix-Up Day**
We are looking for people to help with painting window trim outside the church and to help with cleaning carpets in the basement on Saturday, **September 27** at 9:00 AM. Please sign up online or at the welcome table if you can help or if you own a carpet cleaner that we could use! Questions? Call Rin (712-422-0404).

**FOSSIL Gathering**
**F.O.S.S.I.L. (60+ years)** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM on Monday, **September 29** for food and fellowship. If you plan to attend, please either sign up at the back table or contact Pat at spcrull@mtcnet.net.

**Save the Date**
Plans are in the works for a Covenant women's outing on Saturday, **October 11**. Put the date on your calendar and watch for more details to come!

**Welcome, College Students!**
We're so glad you have joined us for worship today! 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!

**Sunday Servants at Covenant**
We rely on Covenant members to be the hands and feet of Christ in a variety of ways each Sunday—both to our Covenant family as well as to all the visitors and college students that may walk through our doors. Students in 7th grade and up can sign up for greeting, ushering, valet, and coffee service. We hope each of you will consider the list of Sunday service opportunities and think about ways that you can serve. Here is the link to the survey: https://tinyurl.com/SundayServants

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson & Carlos Perez.

**Last week's offering** General Fund: $4,337.00 Christian Education Fund: $1,525.00 Building Fund: $1,400.00

**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.*

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| **Greeters** | **AM:** Alejandro C, Terry F, Les S | |
| **Ushers** | **AM:** Rebecca DS, Shaun S, Sherri TN | |
| **Coffee** | Wil A, Trena VW, Marty VP, Sharon V, Marcia W | |
| **Subs** | Steve C, Deb H, Marcy H, Kristi H, Joni V, John Z | |
| **Valet Parking** | Jeff/Shirley T | |
| **Sound/Projection** | Jeff P ✦ John S | Doug DB ✦ Ryan Z |
| **Nursery** | **AM:** Jason & Dani W, Marty & Kris VP | **AM:** Laremy & Rebecca DV, Chris & Rin G |

**Encouraging our Missionaries**
Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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| Gianni & Georgina Gracia<br>giannigracia@yahoo.com | Sos & Kara Maletoungou<br>smaletoungou@acsi.org | Mike & Megan Ribbens<br>mribbens@gmail.com | Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk<br>tvandyk@crcnapartners.org |

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**Happy Birthday this Week**
*Lee Plasier, Rockne McCarthy, Rose Rylaarsdam, John Stevenson, Viola Stiemsma, Amanda Vande Brake, Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson, Morgan Hummel, Michael Ribbens*

**Thank You!**
A hearty thank you to all of you that helped the Van Wyks with clean up and repairs after the storm. We appreciate your help very much! -Trena & Jake Van Wyk

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| **Sunday, 21st** | 9:00 AM | Sunday School, Catechism (grades 1-8) & Covenant Sunday Morning |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Edifying Engagement: Church Health Survey |
| | 7:15 PM | Sunday Evening Bible Study |
| **Monday** | 7:00 PM | Full Council Meeting |
| **Wednesday** | 9:00 AM | Prayer Group |
| | 7:00 PM | Cadets & GEMS (at Faith CRC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Youth Group |
| **Thursday** | 9:00 AM | Women's Book Study |
| **Saturday** | 9:00 AM | Church Clean-Up Day |
| **Sunday, 28th** | 9:00 AM | Sunday School, Catechism (grades 1-10) & Covenant Sunday Morning |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers |