SUNDAY, August 30, 2026

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/). Find "Live" on the "More" dropdown menu 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! This morning we are grateful for Dr. Jason Lief who will bring us the Word, and we will encounter Christ as we gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Sunday Evening Gathering
All are welcome to join us in watching a past Dordt chapel service this Sunday, **August 30,** at 6:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the classroom across from the large Children in Worship room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

F.O.S.S.I.L.
If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship at 5:30 PM on Monday, **August 31**. Please either sign up on the back table or email Pat at spcrull@mtcnet.net if you plan to come.

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

Early Bulletin Deadline
Please send all bulletin announcements to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) this week by Thursday at 9 AM.

Labor Day Worship Gathering
On Monday, **September 7** 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 and together we'll sing songs from The Porter's Gate songwriting collective's album *Worship for Workers* and pray for our city and county and the work and workers here. The event begins at 7:00 PM at the Fruited Plain Café, though it will be closed for Labor Day. This night of worship coincides nicely with the "At Work in the Garden" conference coming up at Dordt on **September 17-19** which includes a worship concert by The Porter's Gate.

Church Education Schedule & All-Church Picnic
As the academic school year arrives, we also look forward to the start of our church education year! Sunday School and Catechism for 1st through 12th grade will begin on Sunday, **September 13** at 9:00 AM and our adult Covenant Sunday Morning class will begin on Sunday, **September 20**. We will also kick off the year with an all-church picnic on Sunday, **September 13** at the Children's Park Shelter House after our morning service. Watch for more information to come!

Save the Date!
Pork 'N Bands is coming! We plan to serve a pulled pork meal as a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund along with the music event at The Fruited Plain Café on Saturday, **September 19**. Watch for more information to come!

Covenant Sunday Morning Invitation
You are invited to join Covenant Sunday Morning, our adult education class, this fall. Our first session, held at 9:00 AM on **September 20**, will discuss the Introduction and Chapter One of Jordan Raynor's book, *The Sacredness of Secular Work: 4 Ways Your Job Matters for Eternity (Even When You're Not Sharing the Gospel*). We plan on covering this book in six sessions. You are encouraged to order a copy of the book. The author will be a presenter for Dordt's *At Work in the Garden: The Faith and Work Conference* to be held **September 17-19**. This book is a good way to engage the question posed by Kyle Dieleman in his August 20 sermon, "How do we bear witness or testify in our current situation". Raynor asks, How do we make disciples in a post-Christian world? These are great questions for believers at any stage of life!

Volunteers Needed:
Are you interested in being a leader for Children and Worship? If you enjoy young children and are interested in helping them worship in age-appropriate ways during our worship services, we'd love to hear from you! Leaders teach for a month at a time, and the curriculum is provided and easy to use. Contact Cheri Horstman (712-441-4562 or mchorst@mtcnet.net) with questions or if you're interested in serving in this way.

NAMI Support Group
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet on Tuesday, **September 1** at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7:00-7:45 PM is open to anyone who is interested in the subject. Members of the

Sioux County Sheriff's Office will discuss Mental Health and Law Enforcement in Sioux County. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately from 7:45-8:45 for a time of mutual support. For information, contact Shirley (712-574-6758) or Nate (402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com).

At Work in the Garden Conference
The *At Work in the Garden* Conference is for celebrating and reclaiming a robust theology of work as God's good design. The three-day faith and work conference, held **September 17-19** on Dordt University's campus, is designed to help participants explore how faith shapes daily work through creativity, cultivation, and care. Featured keynote speakers include author and speaker Jordan Raynor, musical collective The Porter's Gate, and marketplace leadership expert Michaela O'Donnell. To learn more and register, visit https://www.dordt.edu/events/at-work-in-the-garden.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation.

Last week's offering General Fund: $2,165.00 Christian Education Fund: $825.00

Giving at Covenant
There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, use the QR code or go to https://secure.myvanco.com/YPKM/home. 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. All cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with 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 6
Greeters	**AM:** Mark C, Carol O, Verlyn DW	
Ushers	**AM:** Chris G, Andy L, Kurt V	
Coffee	Marge DB, Ron O, Lee R, Marty VP, Erika VS	
Subs	Steve C, Pam DJ, Rin G, Kristi H, Cal J, Channon V	
Valet	Marcy H	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ ✦ Tom C	Will B ✦ Rebecca DV
Nursery **Aug. Monitor:** Erika VS	**AM:** Chris & Rin G, Mark & Lisa C	**AM:** Laremy & Rebecca DV, Marcy 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
Melissa Bailey, Jason Vande Brake, Andrea Dieleman, Isaac Maletoungou, Val Zonnefeld, Marcia Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week
Tim & Mimi Kamp

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 30th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering
Monday	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
Sunday, 6th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering