SUNDAY, September 6, 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, **September 6,** at 6:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the old fellowship hall.

Sunday Evening Joint Service Next Week
On Sunday, September 13, the CRC churches will join for their last combined service at 6:00 PM at First CRC with Pastor John Lee preaching.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. (The Fruited Plain will be closed for the day, but doors will open at 6:40.). 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.

Mugs and Muffins
Ladies, you are invited to enjoy muffins and a mug of coffee, tea, or juice with other Covenant ladies. Please be ready to share a book or a recent project you enjoyed. We'll gather at Covenant at 8:30 AM on Saturday, **September 12**. Feel free to invite a friend. You can sign up on the sheet on the welcome table. Questions? Contact Trena Van Wyk (712-578-9283)

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. We 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 guests and Dordt students and they don't need to bring food!). Drinks will be provided for all. Head over to the park any time after church and the meal will begin around 12:15 PM.

Pork 'N Bands
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**. We'd love to have your help in bringing food and in volunteering time. Sign up here to bring items for the event and sign up here to volunteer – or sign up at the welcome table!

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!

Would you like to be a part of a Small Group?
The Small Group Ministry at Covenant seeks to deepen community within intergenerational groups, including families, couples, and singles. Groups typically meet monthly to share a meal, study Scripture, pray, and/or engage in service. Talk with Bob & Rebecca De Smith if you would like more information or if you would like to join. Bob's phone is 712-441-7433; email him at bob.desmith@dordt.edu.

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.

Rally for Human Dignity
You're invited to a Rally for Human Dignity on Saturday, **September 12**, from 10 AM to noon at the Central Park Bandshell. This non-partisan event is sponsored by Maria Magdalena Reformed Church and will include speakers, music, and practical ways to get involved in loving our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

Bible League Dinner & Conference
You are invited to the annual Bible League Dinner and Conference on **September 14 & 15**, "Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil." The realities of WWII will come to life through a Corrie ten Boom dramatization by Gayle Haas, and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Worship will be led by Jennifer Frens and Bible League volunteers will share powerful ministry updates. For details and to register, visit bibleleague.org/tickets.

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.

Love INC Prayer Team
Love INC Sioux County has a volunteer Prayer Team that meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 9–10 AM at the office in Rock Valley. Ww invite anyone who is passionate about prayer to join our team! We pray specifically for the churches throughout Sioux County and for the Love INC movement locally and nationwide. Call 712-476-5990 if interested.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Pollema.

Last week's offering General Fund: $9,605.00 Christian Education Fund: $3,172.32 Building Fund: $775.00

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 13
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	Will B ✦ Rebecca DV	Andy L ✦ ??
Nursery **Sept. Monitor:** Merrill M	**AM:** Laremy & Rebecca DV, Marcy H	**AM:** Duane & Jan B, Rob & Megan 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
Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer, Tony Garcia

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 6th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Saturday	8:30 AM	Mugs & Muffins
Sunday, 13th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Joint CRC Worship Service at First CRC