SUNDAY, September 13, 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. Kyle Dieleman 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
First CRC invites you to the final summer joint CRC worship service this Sunday, **September 13** at 6:00 PM. Pastor Mark will be preaching on Psalm 67. A nursery will be provided and an offering will be received for Mid-Sioux Opportunity. Join us for an ice cream social following the service.

Sunday Evening Joint Service Next Week
All are welcome to join us in watching a past Dordt chapel service next Sunday, **September 20,** at 6:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the old fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education Schedule & All-Church Picnic
The academic school year has arrived, and 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.

Cadet Registration
All boys in 4th-8th grade are invited to cadet registration at 3:00 PM on Sunday, **September 13** at Faith CRC! We would like a parent to accompany their son to fill out forms with the counselors. Dues will be collected and are $10 for returning cadets and $20 for new cadets. If you have any questions, contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or fcbcadets@gmail.com).

Pork 'N Bands
Pork 'N Bands is coming! We plan to serve a pulled pork meal from 5:00-7:00 PM on Saturday, **September 19** as a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund along with the music event held at The Fruited Plain Café. 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.

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.

NAMIWalks
NAMIWalks, a mental health awareness walk and resource fair will be held at Children's Park in Sioux Center on Saturday, **October 10**. About a dozen local social service agency representatives will present information. All are welcome and there will be balloons and facepainting for kids! At 11:15 we will walk from the park to the Dordt Prairie to raise awareness for mental health.

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 First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Last week's offering General Fund: $6,177.00 Christian Education Fund: $1,945.00 Building Fund: $1,250.00

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 September 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 20
Greeters	**AM:** Sherri TN, Jason VB, Laurey Z	
Ushers	**AM:** Rachel L, Lee M, Marcia W	
Coffee	Wil A, Lisa C, Claire H, Len R, Dave S, Beth VB	
Subs	Sharon D, Sarah H, Jason H, Cheri H, Linda V, Dani W	
Valet	Jeff/Shirley T	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ✦ Marty VP	Nick B ✦ John S
Nursery **Sept. Monitor:** Merrill M	**AM:** Duane & Jan B, Rob & Megan H	**AM:** Jeremy & Kristi H, Kurt & Sharon V

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

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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday this Week
Adam Kramer, Charlie Wyenberg

Membership transfers
Tommy & Elena McCullough transferred their membership to Gateway Community CRC in Abbotsford, BC.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Picnic (at Children's Park)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Registration (at Faith CRC)
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Worship Service at First CRC
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	7:00 PM	Search Committee Meeting
Saturday	5:00 PM	Pork 'N Bands (at The Fruited Plain)
Sunday, 20th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12), Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Gathering