# **WORSHIP NOTES**

## **Worship Services Online**

Click <u>here</u> to find the livestream for all of our worship services on Facebook (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/</u>). Then click on the "Videos" section on the left hand side. It should say "live" next to it when we are live. Remember, the video will not show up until a few minutes before 10:00 AM on Sunday. You can also choose to watch a recorded version of the service after it is over (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

#### Worship on Sunday Morning

This Sunday, **April 19**, is second Sunday of the Easter season. We continue to worship in the joy of Christ's resurrection virtually for worship via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. <u>Here</u> is a link to the worship liturgy.

## Faith Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study

During this time when we can't physically meet together, Pastor Joel will lead our Sunday evening formation times with a study of the prophet Jeremiah via Zoom. If you'd like to be part of this study, please email Pastor Joel (joelekok@gmail.com) and he will send you a link to join each week. This Sunday, **April 19**, at 5:00 PM, we will review Jeremiah 7 and move on to excerpts from Jeremiah 8-9.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Cory Van Sloten.

## **Online Giving is Live!**

Adam Fedders has been working hard to get online giving up and running and it is now an option for you to use as you give to Covenant's ministries. Click <u>here</u> to access the online giving page. You can also text your gift to the GivePlus Text Phone Number at 833-710-4823. You can also learn more about GivePlus Mobile App <u>here</u> and more about GivePlus Text <u>here</u>. You can continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact Adam Fedders with any additional questions.

#### **May Courier**

Do you have something you'd like to include in the May Courier? Please send it to the office (<u>covenant@mtcnet.net</u>) by Monday, **April 20**!

#### **Hostess Supper Plans**

The Christian Education Hostess Supper scheduled for **April 24** has been postponed with the possibility of being rescheduled in the future. We would like to remind everyone that we still have a financial obligation to meet for our Christian Education Fund. Prayerfully consider giving to this cause in this time of uncertainty.

#### ETM

Our end of the year party scheduled for **April 19** is cancelled. Thanks for a great year of ETM and we look forward to continuing this ministry next year in September. I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. — Lisa Dykstra

#### Joys & Concerns

We would love for joys and concerns to still be shared during our time of prayer on Sunday. If you have prayer requests that you'd like included in our prayer time during our livestreamed service on Sunday, please email them to Pastor Joel at <u>joelekok@gmail.com</u> by Saturday evening at 7:00 PM. If you have prayer requests that you'd like sent out by email next week but not mentioned on our livestream, email them to the church office at <u>covenant@mtcnet.net</u> by Monday morning.

#### **Assistance Opportunities**

- Hope Haven is in need of cloth masks for their employees. Creating cloth masks will assist in the conservation of • precious protective equipment. You will need a half-yard of fabric to make two or three masks, as well as quarter-inch elastic loops. Elastic hair ties/bands will work. Please see the Hope Haven web page (https://www.hopehaven.org/covid-19-resources) for a link to patterns and video tutorial. You will also find a tutorial for a sew-less version that would also be appreciated. When you have the masks made and ready to go, please put them in a plastic bag and drop off at the Hope Haven main office lobby area in Rock Valley or call Carla Kieft (320-905-3119) for a pick up option.
- CASA of Sioux County will be doing Diaper Drive #2 to help families with the basic need of caring for their small children. Please drop the diapers off at Jason Lief's house (152 1st Ave. SE, Sioux Center). Here are the details:

There will be no human interaction – simply drop off the diapers in our garage maintaining proper social distancing protocol. While we welcome all sizes, we especially need sizes 4-6. We also welcome baby wipes! The garage door will be left open during the day until 8 PM. Once again we will distribute diapers through Hope Food Pantry and special delivery. If you are unable to drop off diapers due to concerns with the coronavirus, CASA has an online campaign to raise funds for Hope Pantry, Orange City Food Pantry, and Mid-Sioux Opportunity. We've raised almost \$1500 so far! You can donate here: <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/a-helping-hand-in-sioux-center-and-orange-city">https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/a-helping-hand-in-sioux-center-and-orange-city.</a> If you have any questions please contact Jason Lief (712-441-2643 or jsonlief@gmail.com).

 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bible League Salad Luncheon will not take place. This event is one of two of our fund raisers so we hope that you will seriously consider making a contribution. If you wish to make a contribution to Bible League International you can send a check to Linda Visser (105 4th Street SW, Orange City, Iowa 51041).

#### **Offerings for April**

| 19 | Missions Fund | 26 | Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund |
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| Last week's offering | General Fund             | \$6,770.00 |
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|                      | Building Fund            | \$714.00   |
|                      | Compassion Fund          | 1,019.00   |
|                      | Missions Fund            | \$465.00   |
|                      | Christian Education Fund | \$3,735.00 |
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#### **Helpful Links:**

- Bulletins for our Sunday services are posted <u>here</u>. (No bulletin for now, but you can find this announcement sheet and a link to Sunday morning's liturgy.)
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted here.
- Sermon recordings are posted <u>here</u>.

## **Encouraging our Missionaries**

Our missionaries could probably also use some encouragement as they also deal with this global pandemic. Got a minute? Send them an email!

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# **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



#### Happy Birthday this Week

Ruben Crull, Adam Fedders, Jonas Fedders, Nathan Maletoungou, Stella Ribbens, Eden Hawley

# THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

| Today                    | 10:00 AM<br>5:00 PM  | Easter Morning Worship<br>Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 7,8,9 |  |
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| Monday                   | 7:00 PM  | Executive Council Meeting   |  |
| Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> | nday, 26 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM Morning Worship<br>5:00 PM Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 11-12 |   |  |