

**SUNDAY, May 3, 2020**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](#) to find the livestream for all of our worship services on Facebook (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/> ). Then click on the "Videos" section on the left hand side. It will 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, **May 3**, is fourth Sunday of the Easter season. While the governor has loosened the restrictions for churches gathering together, we still plan to worship virtually this Sunday via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. [Here](#) is a link to the worship liturgy. There will be a children's message early on in the service, so make sure your kids are tuned in! A team has been formed to talk about how and when we will go about meeting together in person in the future. (Please keep them in your prayers as they meet tonight!)

### **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](mailto:joelekok@gmail.com)) and he will send you a link to join each week. This Sunday, **May 3**, at 5:00 PM, we will look at Jeremiah 15.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bobby Van Otterloo.

### **Voting for New Office Bearers:**

Don't forget – voting for new office bearers is going on now! You received an email last Friday with information and a link to vote online, and many of you have already done so. If you are a professing member 18 years and older and haven't yet voted, please do so by Sunday, **May 3** by clicking [here](#). Just a reminder – if you have multiple voters in a household, they will need to use different devices to vote. If you have problems with the online voting process, please email Steve Holtrop ([sdholtrop@gmail.com](mailto:sdholtrop@gmail.com)). Members are asked to affirm some, any, or all the nominees for Elder and Deacon. The names of all the nominees receiving approval of 2/3 of those voting will be eligible to be drawn on Sunday, **May 10**. On that Sunday, we will draw the names of three Elders and three Deacons who will serve on Council for the next three years as well as one deacon to serve a one year term. Thank you to everyone willing to allow their name stand for nomination. The nominations for Elder are Ethan Brue, Laremy DeVries, Jill Friend, Luke Hawley, Len Rhoda. The nominees for Deacon are Ross Feikema, Dane Hibma, Mark Horstman, Mike Janssen, Mark McCarthy, Eric Rowe, Les Sybesma, John Visser, Kurt Vos.

### **Spring Offering of Thanks**

Our Spring Offering of Thanks was scheduled for Sunday, **May 3**. However, because of the social restrictions brought about by COVID-19, the deacons will not be distributing envelopes for those offerings this year. Instead, we are encouraging you to decide whether or not you would like to or are able to contribute directly to other causes that are not included in our regular offerings. An email with the causes was sent out on Monday (with links to donate online for most of them). We encourage you to give as you're able!

### **Prayer Gathering**

In light of the National Day of Prayer, we will also take the opportunity as a Covenant body to join together in prayer on Thursday, **May 7**, at 7:30 PM via Zoom, lifting up prayers for our congregation, our nation, and our world. Watch for an email with a link to join the gathering next week.

### **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 [here](#) 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 [here](#) and more about GivePlus Text [here](#). 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.

### Families with Sunday School-Aged Children:

We want to make a resource available to you! Sparkhouse, one of our Sunday School curriculum providers, has released an online series called [Family Sunday School](#). Each week, there will be a new episode presenting a lesson based on lectionary readings that families can watch together. There is a short video including songs and Bible stories, and there are downloadable activities or coloring pages. This resource will continue weekly through Trinity Sunday, **June 7**. We encourage you to check it out as a family!

### Joys & Concerns

If you have prayer requests to include in our prayer time during our services on Sunday, please email them to Pastor Joel at [joelekok@gmail.com](mailto:joelekok@gmail.com) 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 ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday morning.

### SCCS Trail'Raiser Night Online Auction

It is finally time for our Trail'Raiser Night Online Auction! The Online Auction will open on Monday, **May 4** at 12:00 PM and close on Monday, **May 11** at 9:00 PM. It's not a big auction, but there are some amazing items to bid on, plus some "Buy It Now" items, and fun ways to just donate. The Auction list and link to the online auction will be posted at [www.siouxcenchrchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenchrchristian.com) by Saturday, **May 2**. Truth T-shirt sales will continue online through Monday, **May 18**. Two designs are available, You can order here: [https://stores.mdesignpromos.com/sccs\\_trailraiser](https://stores.mdesignpromos.com/sccs_trailraiser). They will be available for pick up at school in early June. And exciting news: all winning auction bids, buy it now purchases and donations, plus Truth T-shirt sales will be doubled by matching donations, up to \$20,270! So please take part, if you can, in this exciting fundraiser that will help us complete the funding on our 2015 building expansion project! Thank you, as always, for your amazing support of Sioux Center Christian School!

### Community Global Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 7:30-8:30 PM. The meeting will take place on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/9411950597>) The global focus will be Indonesia and the local focus will be Young Life. We would love to have you join us. We now have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of the prayer meetings. You can find it by searching "Sioux County community global prayer meetings". Join the group!

### Offerings for May

3	General Fund	17	Missions Fund	31	Building Fund
10	Christian Education Fund	24	World Renew: COVID-19 Response		

### Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission and Ministry News: Click [here](#) for a newsletter from the Crulls in Spain and [here](#) for a newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks. Read the latest newsletter from Areopagus Campus Ministry at ISU [here](#).

### 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

*Luanne Goslinga, Ale Castelan, Lisa Christians, Len Rhoda*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Eldon & Marcia Westra*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 15
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Prayer Gathering (via Zoom)
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 18-20

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