

SUNDAY, May 10, 2020

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 10**, is fifth Sunday of the Easter season and we continue to worship in the joy of Christ's resurrection. 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 are a few packets of children's bulletins in the entrance if anyone would like to pick them up for your kids!

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, **May 10**, at 5:00 PM, we will look at Jeremiah 18-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Prayer Gathering Tonight

In light of the National Day of Prayer, we will also take the opportunity as a Covenant body to join together in prayer this evening, Thursday, **May 7**, at 7:30 PM via Zoom, lifting up prayers for our congregation, our nation, and our world. Pastor Joel sent an email on Wednesday with a link to join, or you can click [here](#).

Resources for Families for National Day of Prayer

If you would like to spend some time in prayer with your family on this National Day of Prayer, we've gathered a few resources you could consider using. These are resources especially geared for children.

- Praying in Color: Mrs. Friend organized a time for the SCCS students to do this last fall. See [this](#) for an example of how to pray by coloring or doodling and modify it for praying for our church, our nation, and our world. Go to the website for many more ideas: <https://prayingincolor.com/handouts>
- See this document: "[10 Ways for Kids to Pray on the National Day of Prayer](#)".
- Check out these ideas from Dwell Curriculum: "[5 Ways to Pray with Kids](#)." They can be used any time, not just today.

Drawing Names of New Office Bearers:

This Sunday during our morning worship service, 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 who was willing to allow their name stand for nomination.

Fruited Plain BOGO Cards

The Christian Education Committee at Covenant is again partnering with The Fruited Plain Cafe to sell buy-one-get-one pizza cards. The cards are \$25 each and nets you 5 free pizzas (a \$60+ value) with the purchase of another pizza of equal or greater value. \$15 of each card goes to The Fruited Plain, \$10 to the Covenant Christian Education fund. A lot of us are thinking about ways to support our small business community, our church, and our schools, and this is a way to do it all. The cards make great gifts for friends and family as well. Cards are available at The Fruited Plain or online at www.thefruitedplaincafe.com (click the "shop online" button). We can also take mail orders. Send a check to 172 N Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA 51250 and we'll send the cards back ASAP. Thanks for your continued support.

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 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) by Monday morning.

SCCS Trail'Raiser Night Online Auction

Our Trail'Raiser Night Online Auction is live through Monday, **May 11** at 9:00 PM. There are some amazing items to bid on, plus Buy It Now items and a way to simply donate. The link to the online auction is at www.siouxcenterchristian.com. Truth T-shirt sales will continue online through Monday, **May 18**. Order here: https://stores.mdesignpromos.com/sccs_trailraiser. 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 works to help complete the funding on our 2015 building expansion project! May this event bring all glory to God for His provision through it!

SCCS Society Meeting

During this unique time in God's Story, we continue to trust Him and do our very best to provide excellent Christian education. Things have had to change and they look different right now, but one thing hasn't changed: our commitment to parents and families. We praise God for His faithfulness during this entire situation and completely trust Him to guide SCCS, just as He has for over 115 years. Trusting Him means that we continue to make plans for the future. As you know, we had to postpone our annual society meeting in March due to COVID-19. We have moved our society meeting to Wednesday, **May 20** at 7:00 PM, and it will be held via Zoom at the following link: <https://dordt.zoom.us/j/92727159602>. Copies of the agenda and information packet may be requested by emailing sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com.

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 Hope Haven (and you might see a familiar Covenant face in the first picture!).

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

Lisa Feikema, Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Tom Tazelaar, Will Breems

Happy Anniversary this Week

John & Becky Stevenson, Rob & Megan Haan

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 18-20
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, 17th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 27-28
