WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click 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 17**, is sixth Sunday of the Easter season and we continue to worship in the joy of Christ's resurrection. We plan to worship virtually this Sunday via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. <u>Here</u> 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 (<u>joelekok@gmail.com</u>) and he will send you a link to join each week. This Sunday, **May 17**, at 5:00 PM, we will look at Jeremiah 27-28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

Drawing Names of New Office Bearers:

This past Sunday the following names were drawn to serve on council:

Elders - Ethan Brue, Jill Friend, Len Rhoda

Deacons - Ross Feikema, Mike Janssen, Les Sybesma, and Eric Rowe (one year term)

We pray for each of these individuals as they move into this role of service and we thank God for the service of those who have completed their term on council.

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.

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 Thanks You!

Thank you to all who participated in our Trail'Raiser Night Online Auction! We were able to unlock the entire matching donation amount through \$22,380 in auction winning bids, buy it now purchases, and "just" donations. Thank you so much for your generosity! We praise God for His generosity through you! Truth T-shirt sales will continue online through Monday, May 18 at noon. Two designs are available, "I am not my own..." and "Do not be afraid..." Order here: https://stores.mdesignpromos.com/sccs_trailraiser. T-shirts will be available for pick up at school or shipping in early June. We will not be ordering extras to have "on hand" to purchase. Thanks to another generous donor who has offered to continue the match on t-shirt sales, t-shirt purchases will continue to be doubled!

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.

SCCS Graduation

Sioux Center Christian School is pleased to share we will celebrate our Class of 2020 8th grade graduation in a unique way. A graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, **May 21** at 7:00 PM in the All Seasons Center parking lot, with people parking and sitting in a way that keeps physical distancing requirements. A link to the livestream of the event will be on our website (www.siouxcenterchristian.com). The event will also be broadcast on KDCR 88.5FM. Please join us in congratulating our forty-seven 8th grade graduates!

Offerings for May

17 Missions Fund 24 World Renew: COVID-19 Response 31 Buildin	0
Last week's offering General Fund \$4,405.00 Missions Fund \$140.00 Building Fund \$313.00 Compassion Fund \$190.00 Christian Education Fund \$3,875.00	

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 <u>here</u> 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!

Kelly & April Crull	Gianni & Georgina Gracia	Sos & Kara Maletoungou	Mike & Megan Ribbens	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
crulls@caimail.net	giannigracia@yahoo.com	smaletoungou@crcna.org	mribbens@gmail.com	tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Meghan Vos, John-Patrick McCarthy, Zoey Eggebeen, Everett Fedders, Rowan Haan, Jean Maletoungou, Kurt Vos

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ethan & Donna Brue, Mark & Barb Tazelaar, Bernie & Kathy DeWit

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT					
Today 17 th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 27-28			
Monday	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting			
Sunday, 24 th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 29			