

SUNDAY, May 24, 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 24**, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and we worship with the knowledge that Christ is seated at the right hand of God, reigning over all things. We 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 you 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 24**, at 5:00 PM, we will look at Jeremiah 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Calling Crafters!

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, **May 31**. We would like to provide PINWHEELS for all families with young/elementary-aged children. Children will be invited to use the pinwheels throughout the Pentecost service. Are you a crafter? Can you help? We are looking for volunteers who do NOT have elementary-aged children (or for bored high-school kids 😊) to help make these pinwheels for the kids. Since we aren't able to meet together for church, we hope in a small this will help us (re)connect with our church family. You will be assigned a family to make pinwheels for, be provided with the materials, and then asked to connect with the family sometime before Pentecost Sunday. Want to make some for kids in your neighborhood too? Great! Let us know. Please click [here](#) to sign up or email Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com).

COVID-19 Update

At our **May 14** meeting, the COVID Committee decided to continue in our current worship practices during May and to meet again soon to discern how to proceed in June. In seeking when and how to re-open our church, we will pay particular attention to health reports and to the availability of health care. We are staying in communication with the elders, with other local congregations, and we are acting from an attitude of love for our neighbor. More generally, we will seek ways to promote congregational fellowship even during this time of social distancing. We will also seek to communicate in pastoral ways that make for encouragement and hope.

June Courier

If you have something you'd like to include in the June, Courier, please email it to the office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **May 25**!

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.

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.

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.

Offerings for May

17	Missions Fund	24	World Renew: COVID-19 Response	31	Building Fund
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Last week's offering

General Fund	\$2,680.00
Missions Fund	\$920.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Christian Education Fund	\$1,790.00

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 [here](#) for the latest newsletter from Sos & Kara Maletoungou and [here](#) for a newsletter from Mission India.

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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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Lewis Clark, David Henreckson, Sam Janssen, Emily Eppinga

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mark & Lisa Christians, Erik & Barb Hoekstra, Steve & Pat Crull

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 24th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 29
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM	Pentecost Morning Worship (via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 31-32
