

**SUNDAY, May 31, 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 31**, we celebrate Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church. We plan to worship virtually this Sunday via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. [Here](#) is a link to the worship liturgy. We do plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday, so we encourage you to have some bread and juice or wine ready to go so you can participate in the sacrament.

### **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 31**, at 5:00 PM, we will look at Jeremiah 31-32.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

We continue to join our community in praying for all our local congregations. This week, we will be in prayer for all our churches as we ask for wisdom and continue to actively be God's church in this challenging time. Please pray for our leadership as we plan for and gradually return to in-person worship in ways that honor God and love our neighbors.

### **Pentecost Pinwheels!**

Families of young and elementary-aged children. We made pinwheels for you for Pentecost! Someone will be communicating with you some time this **Thursday, Friday, or Saturday** because they have pinwheels for your children. We hope these will help them celebrate Pentecost this Sunday.

### **Three Weddings!**

We have three people connected to our church getting married soon: Laura Lappenga and Ryan De Kruffy; Bob DeSmith and Chara; Casey Sybesma & Eric, we have three quilts waiting to be signed. They will be in the Goedhart's newly built garage so check out the garage and sign the quilts. The door will be open this Saturday and Sunday, **May 30 & 31**, and also **June 3, 4, 5**. Thanks for the help! Goedhart address: 602 3rd Ave. NE.

### **COVID-19 Update**

This week the COVID Task Force met again and had a positive conversation about gathering together again in worship in the future. They've passed on some recommendations to the Council and we hope to communicate more information to the congregation early next week. Just a reminder that the building is still closed throughout the week.

### **June Courier**

The June Courier can be found [here](#) and there are a few paper copies in the entrance to church.

### **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](http://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](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.

## 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.

## Western Spring Drive

The week that local churches began live-streaming worship services was the week that Western Christian board members placed Spring Drive requests in church mailboxes. Spring Drive gifts are used for tuition relief and special needs at Western Christian. As of this week we are grateful that over \$50,000 has been donated to the Spring Drive towards our \$90,000 goal. Many church members probably have not been picking up their mail from their church mailbox, but with churches opening up now we hope you will still make a gift to Western Christian. You can also make your gift electronically by clicking on <https://www.westernchristianhs.com/support/donate.cfm> and following the instructions given. The students, staff, and Board of Directors at Western Christian thank you for your consideration

## Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **June 3**, from 7:30-8:30 PM. The meeting will take place on zoom: <https://bit.ly/June3prayer>. The password is 8jdfqb. The global focus will be the country of Chad and the local focus will be the PIECE program. We would love to have you join us. We have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of the prayer meetings. Search: "Sioux County community global prayer meetings". You can find the zoom link for June's meeting there.

## Hope Haven Fishing Benefit

Hope Haven will be holding its Annual Fishing Benefit at Lake Francis Case, Ft. Randall Dam on Friday, **June 5**, rain or shine. Registration fee is \$60 which includes entry gift and eligibility for weigh-in prize categories. Children under 16 are free. All proceeds will benefit Hope Haven Support Foundation. Registration is due by **June 4**. Participants should follow all social distancing guidelines as recommended by the state of South Dakota at the time of the event. For more information and to register, visit [www.hopehaven.org/events](http://www.hopehaven.org/events) or call Scott (712-476-2820). Come enjoy a day of food, friends, fellowship, and fishing!

## Offerings for May

31 Building Fund

## Offerings for June

7	General/Building Fund	21	Missions Fund
14	Christian Education Fund	28	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

## Last week's offering

General Fund	\$1,855.00
Missions Fund	\$130.00
Building Fund	\$205.00
Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	\$155.00
Christian Education Fund	\$1,525.00
World Renew: General Fund	\$350.00

## 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 a newsletter from Center for Public Justice and [here](#) for a newsletter from Love INC.

## 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

*Joan McCarthy, Davey Henreckson, Sherri Ten Napel, Jo Faber, Corrie DeVries, Naomi Ploegstra*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Daryl & Deb Hibma, Mark & Cheri Horstman, Dallas & Carol Apol, Joe & Erin Eggebeen*

### Thank You!

Dennis and Pam DeJong would like to thank the congregation for all the meals, goodies, prayers, cards, and support during this time as Pam recovers from her injuries.

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Pentecost Morning Worship (via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Jeremiah Study (via Zoom): Jeremiah 31-32
<b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching (via Zoom): Topic TBD

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