

SUNDAY, June 7, 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, **June 7**, we celebrate Trinity Sunday and marvel at the mystery, power, and beauty of the Triune God that we worship. We plan to worship virtually this Sunday via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. [Here](#) is a link to the worship liturgy. We hope to return to celebrating the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month, so we will do so again this Sunday. 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

Join Pastor Joel this Sunday, **June 7**, at 5:00 PM, for a Zoom conversation about our current cultural situation and other tumultuous times in history. What was it like to come of age in the 1960's? How does our time compare to previous eras that we've either lived through or studied? To participate in this dialogue, join the Zoom meeting at 5:00 PM at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87838222581> (Meeting ID: 878 3822 2581).

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.

Three Weddings!

We have three people connected to our church getting married soon: Laura Lappenga and Ryan De Kruyf; 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 Thursday and Friday, **June 4 & 5**. Thanks for the help! Goedhart address: 602 3rd Ave. NE.

COVID-19 Update

The Council is working out the details for re-gathering. Next Sunday, **June 14**, we plan to install new elders and deacons, so many of them will be present in the sanctuary for worship. On Sunday, **June 21**, we hope to worship outdoors as a church family, so watch for more details about that next week.

Awareness Book Club

Eric Rowe and Joel Kok plan to read *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehasi Coates, and we invite any interested members to join us. We will hold our book discussion on Tuesday, **June 23** at 7:30 PM. Whether you have read the book in entirety or in part or simply have an interest in the subject, we invite you to join us. For more information, please get in touch with Eric or Joel.

Mid-Sioux Donations

As you probably read in the Courier, we usually take a reverse offering for Mid-Sioux during a service in May. We obviously weren't able to do that this year, but would like to still collect non-perishable food items, paper products, diapers, etc so they can continue to serve those in need in our community. Please bring your donations any time now through the end of June and drop them off in the NE entrance of 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 (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!

Online giving is up and running and 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 also 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.

Prayer Request from the CRCNA

All Christian Reformed churches and their members are asked to remember the deliberations of the Special Meeting of the Council of Delegates in prayer this week. The COD will be meeting on behalf of synod (which was canceled because of COVID-19) on **June 11 & 12** for advisory committees, and **June 16 & 17** for plenary sessions. This includes the approval of this year's candidates for minister of the Word. All decisions from this special meeting will be reported to Synod 2021. Your prayers for wisdom and discernment through the leading of the Spirit are appreciated.

From Sioux Center Christian School:

We are excited and so thankful to share that over \$92,000 will be paid off our building debt through Trail'Raiser Night 2020! Your donations to this event have helped lower the actual debt on our 2015 building expansion project from \$747,000 to \$655,000! Special thanks go out to our generous matching donors who gave a total of \$47,500 to fully match all the donations given through Wood Prayer Magnets (\$15,930), Online Auction Bids (\$16,772), additional cash donations (\$10,620), and Truth T-shirts (\$3,831). With everything that has happened this spring, we are astounded at the amount raised and we praise God for the generosity He has shown through you, His people! Thank you!

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	\$1,240.00
	Missions Fund	\$100.00
	Building Fund	\$235.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,315.96

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 Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk.

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

June Brands, Jeri Schelhaas, William Clark, Sarah Hawley, Amira Ribbens, Joya Breems

Happy Anniversary this Week

Adam & Robin Fedders, Don & Sherri Ten Napel, Marty & Kris Vander Plaats, Mike & Megan Ribbens, Ross & Lisa Feikema, Lee & Jenni Mellema, Les & Lila Sybesma, Terry & Jill Friend

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 7th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Tumultuous Times Dialogue (via Zoom)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, 14th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with John Kok (via Zoom): Topic TBD