

SUNDAY, June 14, 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 14**, we plan to worship virtually via Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. [Here](#) is a link to the worship liturgy. Dr. Justin Bailey will preach this Sunday and we plan to install new elders and deacons as part of our worship service.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us this Sunday, **June 14**, at 5:00 PM, for a Zoom conversation led by John Kok. After discussing why it is sometimes challenging to love our neighbor without exception, we will turn to Psalm 25, or others of your choosing, that can help center us on where we can turn to "relieve the troubles of our heart and free us from our anguish." We will get into our discussion by considering this poster: <http://www.allsoulsdc.org/neighbor>. To participate in this dialogue, join the Zoom meeting at 5:00 PM at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86579377439> (Meeting ID: 865 7937 7439).

Outdoor Worship on June 21

Next Sunday, **June 21**, we invite you to gather for an outdoor worship service at Heritage Village at 10:00 AM. There is plenty of room to spread out and so all are welcome! You are also invited to bring lunch for your family and stay at Heritage Village for a socially-distanced picnic after the service. There will be more details emailed out next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Christian Education Update

The Christian Education Committee would like to remind you that we have two months remaining in this school year, which means we have around \$32,000 left to pay for our obligations. Since we did not have our Host/Hostess Dinner, we did not have that boost of funds this spring. So, we are asking that you prayerfully consider how you can help us finish off this school year through your giving.

Cadet Picnic

The Cadet picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 17**, at 600 PM at Faith CRC. We will be roasting hot dogs and making s'mores around 7:00 PM. All parents/families of the Cadets are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The badges the Cadets have earned over this past year will be handed out at the end of the evening. Incoming 5th graders and their families are also welcome to join us.

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 weren't able to do that this year, but would still like to 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. Cards are available through June 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

Please email any prayer requests to Pastor Joel at joelekok@gmail.com by Saturday evening at 7:00 PM if you want them included in worship. 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. 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.

Hope Haven Gospel Music Festival

Hope Haven's 25th Annual Gospel Music Festival will be held at Central Park in Sioux Center on Friday and Saturday, **June 19 & 20**. The Gospel Music Festival will provide great continuous music from 1:00-9:30 PM on Friday and from 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM on Saturday. Currently 20 different groups from five states are scheduled to sing! The Gospel Music Festival is a benefit for Hope Haven and freewill offerings will be taken each day. A lunch stand will be open both days. In case of inclement weather, the Music Festival will be held at the Rec Center on the campus of Dordt University.

Areopagus Summer Learning Community

Areopagus Campus Ministry at Iowa State is offering a summer Zoom discussion group on Dr. John M. Perkins book, *One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race* for any college/university students and young adults who are interested in participating. Areopagus is glad to purchase books for university students and have them sent to you for this study. This group will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 PM beginning **June 23**. If you are interested or have questions, contact Tyler Helfers (director@isu-areopagus.org or 515.518.6072).

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.

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	\$3,144.51
	Missions Fund	\$383.00
	Building Fund	\$1,150.00
	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	\$100.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,830.00

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: Crossroads Prison Ministries has made free coloring pages created by Crossroads students who are incarcerated available for all to download. You can find them [here](#).

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

Cal Jongsma, Faby Addink, Jake Van Wyk, Daryl Hibma

Happy Anniversary this Week

Kurt & Sharon Vos, Marv & Mary Wielard, Dale & June Brands

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 14th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching/Dialogue with John Kok (via Zoom)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Cadet Picnic (at Faith CRC)
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