

SUNDAY, June 28, 2020

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

We will continue to livestream our worship each Sunday. Click [here](#) to find the livestream for 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. 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 28**, Pastor Joel will continue a series that he began last week in Genesis focusing on seeking reconciliation in God's name. Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen) & 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen) are welcome to worship in the building. Please review the [Phased Reopening Guide](#) to review some of the safety actions that we're asking those in attendance to take. For those who will not worship in the building, we invite you to worship with us in your homes via Facebook Live. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Sunday evening's 5:00 Zoom gathering will focus on the guidance of the Belhar Confession to the church in such a time as this. Jeri Schelhaas will lead us as we read through the short Confession, acquaint ourselves briefly with its history with the CRC and the RCA, and take a short look at the CRC's Office of Social Justice and Hunger Response. The question on the floor will be: Besides looking to the Bible, do, should, how can congregations look to the larger Reformed Faith community to help shape our responses to cultural and social concerns? You can read through the Belhar [here](#) (and print a copy if you wish) or pick up a copy of the red "Our Faith" booklet on the shelf by the church's back entrance. Be sure to sign your name to the checkout list. Questions? Call Jeri (722-3970). To participate, join the Zoom meeting at 5:00 PM at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84967515695>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mike Pitsenberger.

Mid-Sioux Donations

We are still collecting non-perishable food items, paper products, diapers, etc. for Mid-Sioux through **June 30!** Feel free to drop off your donations in the NE entrance of church anytime! Monetary donations are also appreciated (checks can be given to Kurt Vos or Carol Oostra). Let's bless Mid-Sioux with donations so they can serve those in need in our community!

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard?

On Sunday evening, **July 5**, we're bringing back "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," but instead of dining in a Covenant member's house, this time you'll get to hang out in their backyard for an hour or so of good fellowship and reconnecting. Everyone – families, singles, couples, (dogs?) – is heartily invited to participate. You will be asked to bring your own chairs, your own brown bag meal or snack, and your own drink. Click [here](#) to sign up! Contact Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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.

The July Courier

The July Courier can be found here and a few paper copies are in the NE entrance to the building. Until we're all meeting in the building again, I don't plan to put them in mailboxes, so I encourage you to read it [online](#) or pick up a copy if you wish!

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!

To give online, 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 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 questions.

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **July 1**, from 7:30-8:30 PM. The meeting will take place on zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9411950597>. The global focus will be Urban Fire discipleship to 1st nations in Calgary, Alberta and the local focus will be a new local disciple-making apprenticeship called Activate. We would love to have you join us. We have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of the prayer meetings: "Sioux County community global prayer meetings". You will find the zoom link there as well.

Offerings for June

28 Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Offerings for July

5 General/Building Fund 19 Missions Fund
12 Christian Education Fund 26 World Renew: General Fund

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$3,905.00
Missions Fund	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$765.00
Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	\$120.00
Christian Education Fund	\$3,865.72

Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by 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@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Gaby Castelan, Sally Jongsma, Alyda Mellema, Ryan Hannigan, Andy Landman, Mary Wielard, Barb Hoekstra, Linda Visser, Stuart Buckingham, Annemieke Lappenga, Stan Vanden Berg, Merrill McCarthy

Happy Anniversary this Week

Luke & Sarah Hawley

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 28th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 1 & 2 welcome Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching/Dialogue on the Belhar Confession (via Zoom)
Sunday, 5th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 3 & 4 welcome Formation Sunday Evening: Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard?
