

SUNDAY, July 5, 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, **July 5**, Pastor Joel will continue a series on Genesis focusing on seeking reconciliation in God's name. Pastoral Groups 3 (DeSmith/Feikema) & 4 (Brue/Goslinga) 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. Just a reminder; we **highly encourage you to wear a mask if you plan to sing**. We know that this will feel very strange; but we ask it at this time out of love for neighbor. We plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday morning, so if you plan to worship at church, please bring your own communion elements if you're able (we will have some available here if you forget). For those of you worshipping at home via Facebook Live, we encourage you to have some bread and juice/wine ready before the service begins. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard?

This Sunday evening, **July 5**, at 5:00 PM is the "Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard," event. Watch for an email Sunday afternoon around 4:00 PM about where you should plan to go. You will be asked to bring your own chairs, your own brown bag meal or snack, and your own drink. If you didn't sign up but would still like to be included, contact Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation.

Pastor Joel Out of the Office

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off this coming week. If you need pastoral care from **July 6-13**, please contact your pastoral group elder. Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching on Sunday, **July 12**, while Pastor Joel is gone.

Joys & Concerns

For this week, 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. Next week Pastor Joel will be gone, so the Joys & Concerns will only come out via email. Email them to Sara in the church office by Monday, **July 13** at 10:00 AM. As always, contact Sara if you have a more immediate prayer request to send out to the church.

Worship Schedule Changes

While a schedule was put out with the [Phased Reopening Guide](#), we are also hoping to be flexible enough to respond to the needs and desires of the congregation. We are making some slight adjustments to the worship schedule in order to gather as a whole church body outside again. Pastoral Groups 5 (Schaap/Rowe) & 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) will meet in the sanctuary on **July 12** as was scheduled. On **July 19**, we'll take a break from the rotation and have another outdoor service. Watch for details to come!

July 12 Formation Sunday Evening

We don't have any plans for next Sunday evening, but we encourage you to gather in your backyard with other church members or look for other ways to connect to your church family.

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet again on Tuesday **July 14** at 7:30 PM in the church parking lot. We will continue our discussion on the book *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehasi Coates. All are welcome! If you have questions, contact Eric Rowe (or Pastor Joel).

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.

GEMS Online Conference

GEMS leaders, ministry friends, and all women are invited to join GEMS for their Online Conference this year. The event will occur on **July 30 & 31**. Together we will explore what it means to confidant in God's Unshakeable Kingdom amidst a season of uncertainty and confusion. Worship, breakout sessions, the debut of the *Friended*. curriculum, online coffee chats, and connection await! Keynote speakers include Bob Goff, Annie F. Downs, Arlene Pellicane, Lynn Cowell, Bruce Martin, Lenae Bulthuis, and Cindy Bultema. The registration rate is \$99 and includes access to view the event for up to 2 weeks following July 30-31. Find out more and register at gemsgc.org/events/onlineconference/.

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	\$715.00
	Missions Fund	\$165.00
	Building Fund	\$35.00
	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	\$55.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$625.00

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!

Kelly & April Crull
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletougou
smaletougou@crcna.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Mary Dengler, Gidge Meyer, Isabel Castelan, Sabine Feikema, Luke Hawley, Sharon Vos, Tom Clark

Happy Anniversary this Week

Chris & Rin Goedhart

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 5th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 3 & 4 welcome
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard?
Sunday, 12th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 5 & 6 welcome
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: No gathering planned
