

SUNDAY, July 12, 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 12**, Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching while Pastor Joel takes some time off. Pastoral Groups 5 (Schaap/Rowe) & 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) 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. For those of you who will not be worshipping in the building, we invite you to join us in worship at home via Facebook Live. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

We don't have any plans for this 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Randy Widbin and Carlos Perez.

Pastor Joel Out of the Office

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off this coming week. If you need pastoral care anytime through **July 14**, please contact your pastoral group elder.

Christian Education Fundraising Opportunity

We are looking for 5-10 volunteers to help with a retaining wall project for Tom and Ruth Clark as a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund. We are looking for volunteers this Saturday, **July 11**, and next Saturday, **July 18**. Please bring a shovel, gloves, and lots of excitement for work. Work will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday. If anyone has any questions, call or text Adam Fedders (712-441-2073).

Joys & Concerns

Since Pastor Joel is gone this weekend, 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.

Outdoor Service on July 19

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. On Sunday, **July 19**, we'll take a break from the rotation and have another outdoor service at Heritage Village. Once again, you are also invited to bring lunch for your family and stay for a socially-distanced picnic after the service.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening Plans on July 19

Plans are still in process for **July 19**, but the plan is to have an outdoor gathering in the prairie which will include praise and prayer. Watch for more details next week.

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet again on Tuesday **July 21 (note the date change!)** 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.

Safe Church Ministry Webinar

The CRC's Safe Church Ministry is hosting the next webinar in our 2020 series on Wednesday, **July 29** at 12 PM EDT. The topic will be Why the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study Matters: Implications for Serving Those that Have Experienced Trauma and Adversity. This event will be led by Tara Boer, Safe Church Coordinator of Classis Iakota and Classis Heartland. You are invited to join the Zoom meeting by using this address: <https://crcna.zoom.us/j/97045620205?pwd=RHRRSng2K2FTL0tYY2N2WE9wdGtQT09> (Meeting ID: 970 4562 0205; Password: 541830)

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 confide 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

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.

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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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jill Friend, Dane Hibma, Barb Schaap, Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats

Happy Anniversary this Week

Angel & Faby Addink, Jason & Dani Wyenberg

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today 12th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 5 & 6 welcome Formation Sunday Evening: No gathering planned
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Saturday	8:00 AM	Christian Ed Project at Clarks' home
Sunday, 19th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village Formation Sunday Evening: Prayer in the Prairie
