

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Our hope is to livestream our outdoor worship service this Sunday (barring any technical difficulties!). 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 19**, we plan to join together with our whole church family using the outdoors as our sanctuary. We will once again be worshipping on the south and west side of the big barn at Heritage Village. When you arrive, please follow directions from the parking attendants and the ushers. As we did in June, we plan to reserve some space for people to drive up closer in order to worship from their cars. Tell a parking attendant if you would like to do that. We invite the rest of you to bring blankets or chairs and spread out under the trees and on the lawn...6 feet apart from other families. Ushers will have bulletins with the order of worship. And once again, even though we are outside, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask if you plan to sing**. We know that it's not always comfortable, but we ask it at this time out of love for neighbor. You are again welcome to bring your own picnic lunch or go on a tree walk after the service – it's a great opportunity for some extended outdoor fellowship with your church family. Keep an eye on the weather and dress accordingly. We will email at 9:00 if weather keeps us from meeting outside. In that case, we will simply livestream the service from the sanctuary. And as you've probably heard before, if you have a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, please stay home. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca De Vries. If you are not able to join us in person, we do plan to livestream the service this Sunday, so find it on Facebook Live as usual and worship with us in spirit in your homes using the order of worship in the [bulletin](#) or the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

For our Sunday evening formation gathering at 5:00 PM this week, we invite you to gather at the Dordt University Prairie prayer garden for a unique prayer service. Jill Friend will lead us as we "pray in color." (You can find more information by clicking [here](#).) Please bring your own chair or blanket, colored pencils or markers or pens, paper, and a hard surface or clipboard to put your paper on. We will have some extra paper if you need it. This is a great activity for people of all ages. Please remember to bring a face covering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ the King congregation and the ministry of Father Doug Klein.

Christian Education Fundraising Opportunity

We had a great volunteer crew turn out last week and they ran out of block, so at this point, we do not plan to work on the Clarks' retaining wall project this Saturday. Watch for more opportunities to serve in the coming weeks!

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.

August Courier

Do you have something you'd like included in the August Courier? Email it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **July 20!**

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.

Worship Next Sunday

The Covid Taskforce is meeting tonight, so sometime after their meeting we'll confirm the Pastoral Group rotation for worshipping in the building for the next few weeks!

Note from the Deacons:

The end of the fiscal year for our Christian Education Fund is **July 31**. We are so close! We need just over \$9000 to meet our Fair Share/Legacy Fund commitment for the 2019/2020 school year. One final push! Please consider giving.

GEMS Counselors Needed

Are you looking at making an impact on the next future generation? Is sharing God's love a priority in your life? If so, we have just the spot for you! We are looking for GEMS Counselors for this coming year. Counselors are given all the materials they need to help encourage girls to walk a dynamic walk with their Lord and Savior! Contact Valerie (712.449.8150 or northstar_gems@hotmail.com) to grow in your faith while mentoring the women of the future!

Offerings for July

19 Missions Fund 26 World Renew: General Fund

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$2,315.00
Building Fund	\$315.00
Missions Fund	\$200.00
Christian Education Fund	\$3,970.00
World Renew	\$100.00

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!

Kelly & April Crull
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Miriam Groenewold, Josiah Feliciano

Happy Anniversary this Week

Justin & Melissa Bailey, Pete & Betty Vander Plaats, Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma

Thank You!

Dear Covenant sisters and brothers, after the death of our deeply loved husband, dad, and grandfather, we experienced such love and abundance through the food you brought to our door. All of John and my children and many of our grandchildren were here just before John died at home, until a week later. During those days, my family and I grieved together, but even more so, we rejoiced in the legacy of John's life and love to us all. And as with any celebration, ours overflowed with good food, provided by many of you. Thanks to Rachel, who always organizes this food distribution! Many times, as new dishes of hot and cold food and fresh fruits and vegetables arrived at our door, along with smiles and kind words, the kids, especially the teenagers, would peek into the latest offerings and say, "Wow! look at this!" I was often reminded of the words, "you prepare a table before me...", and "My cup overflows," from the 23rd psalm. I thank God for my church family!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 19th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village Formation Sunday Evening: Prayer in the Prairie
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Awareness Book Club (in the church parking lot)
Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel via Zoom
