

SUNDAY, July 26, 2020

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

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 26**, Pastor Joel will continue his series on Genesis. The council has decided to move to three pastoral groups in the building each Sunday, so this week, Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), and 3 (DeSmith/Feikema) are welcome to worship in the sanctuary. Please review the [Phased Reopening Guide](#) to review some of the safety actions that we're asking those in attendance to take. And once again, 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. We plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday morning, so if you will be worshipping 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](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening we plan to gather for our evening formation gathering in the fellowship hall at 5:00 PM. As with our morning services, we will take actions to socially distance, encourage the use of face coverings, and invite you to fellowship outside after the gathering. Pastor Joel will spend some time teaching on prayer and together we will share our joys and concerns. Pastor Joel will use a microphone so that all can hear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

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.

Pastor Joel Out of the Office

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off in the coming weeks. If you need pastoral care from **July 31 to August 13**, please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon. During this time, please email all prayer requests to the church office.

August Courier

The August Courier is out! Once again, it can be read [online here](#) and there are a few paper copies in the NE entrance of church. Click through for a great love story, some pictures of our outdoor service, and some updates from the Council about COVID-related decisions.

Covenant Shares Table

Covenant has this lovely habit of sharing our garden abundance with each other, but this year it is a bit more difficult. On Sunday, we will plan to put a table up outside, so if you have extra garden produce to share, please bring it along. After Sunday, we'll try leaving the table in the NE entrance during the week, so stop by and drop off or pick up produce when you're out and about. (We encourage you to throw a quick post on the Covenant Free Swap if you leave produce during the week so people know it's there!)

Email Alert

Please note that a few people have again received emails that claim to be from Pastor Joel, but are actually trying to scam people into buying gift cards for them. As you probably already know, Pastor Joel will never ask congregation members to buy gift cards for him. If you receive a message that seems a bit fishy, make sure the email actually came from his email address: joelekok@gmail.com.

Missing a Shovel?

Did you help the Clarks' retaining wall project and leave your shovel behind? Contact the Clarks if you are missing yours!

Welcoming Guests to Covenant

While we are limiting in-building worship to three pastoral groups at this time, we wanted to remind you that you are still welcome to invite guests and those looking for a church home to visit Covenant on any Sunday.

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.

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

26 World Renew: General Fund

Offerings for August

2	General Fund	16	Missions Fund	30	Building Fund
9	Christian Education Fund	23	Compassion/Tuition Assistance 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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: From Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk: "We led a virtual service at our sending church in Southern Illinois the week recently, and thought some folks at Covenant might be interested in it. We gave a reflection with some photos, and both the kids also participated through music." Here is a link to the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrpRcAlq9J0&feature=youtu.be>

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 Maletoungou
smaletoungou@crcna.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pastor Gianni Gracia, Jacob Vander Plaats, Eldon Westra, Marge DeBoer

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 26th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Sunday, 2nd	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (via Facebook Live): Pastoral Groups 3,4,5 present Formation Sunday Evening: Prayer Meeting
