

SUNDAY, August 2, 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, **August 2**, Dr. David Westfall will be preaching on the lectionary text, Isaiah 55. This week, Pastoral Groups 4 (Brue/Goslinga), 5 (Schaap/Rowe), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) 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. For those of you who will not be worshiping 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

You are welcome to join a prayer gathering led by elders on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. If you have joys or concerns you would like to have us pray for, but are unable to attend, you are welcome contact Len Rhoda or Ethan Brue (email or phone). We plan to gather in the fellowship hall again, and, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God’s blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

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.

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.

Building Committee

The Building Committee of Covenant is looking for a few new members. Do you feel led to care for the church by taking care of the building, the parsonage, and the grounds? Do you want to make the church building be as caring, safe, and welcoming as the members of Covenant are? If so, please drop an email to current chair Dave Kramer (davidkrmr@hotmail.com) or Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com) for more information.

Looking for a Few Masks

We would love to have a small basket of masks available to borrow for those coming to church on Sundays who don’t have one or have forgotten theirs. Would any of our Covenant sewers be willing to make some extras to have on hand? If so, contact Sara in the church office! (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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.

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!

Community Impact Event for SCCS

Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center is holding a Community Impact Fundraising Event this week to benefit Sioux Center Christian School. Through this Friday, **July 31**, enjoy the inside buffet at Pizza Ranch and 10% of your guest ticket will go to SCCS! Buffet hours are 11 AM-1:30 PM and 5 PM-8 PM (8:30 PM on Friday).

Dordt Seeking Host Families

The Dordt University football program is seeking hosts for incoming football players. This year the need is great again due to a large class of incoming freshmen. Have you hosted before and could take on another student or two? Have you considered hosting, but just weren't sure? Either way, this is a great opportunity to be a blessing to a student athlete. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. An opportunity for you to have an initial meeting with your student will be provided. If interested, please respond by emailing assistant football coach Devin Eekhoff (devin.eekhoff@dordt.edu) by **August 5**.

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **August 5**, from 7:30-8:30 PM. The meeting will take place on zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9411950597>. The global focus will be Bible translation and the local focus will be Youth For Christ Sioux County. We hope you join us. We have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of the prayer meetings. Search: "Sioux County community global prayer meetings" and join the group to stay informed.

Joining God in Your Neighborhood

Joining God in Your Neighborhood is a 4-session online cohort for those who would like to learn practices that help to discover where God is present in your neighborhood so that you can join in His mission. This is an adaption of Resonate's Go Local journey, a two year process for churches who want to be intentional about connecting with their neighbors. You are invited to join this cohort – individuals are welcome, teams of people are even better. So far there are people interested from Sioux Center and Platte and there is room for more. There is no fee for this experience and it begins **August 11**. Check out the [August Courier](#) for more information, or contact Ruth Kelder (rkelder@crcna.org) with questions or to register.

Love & Learn Classes

Love INC's fall session of Love & Learn classes are starting Tuesday, **August 25**, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. We will be offering the following classes: Faith & Finance, GriefShare support group, Parenting, Affirming Potential, and Redemptive Compassion. Love INC is also looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in various capacities – greeting, making a snack for class nights, childcare, and Faith & Finance mentors. If you would like to volunteer or register for these classes contact Love INC (712-476-5990). For more information, visit our website (<http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/>).

Offerings for August

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| 2 | General Fund | 16 | Missions Fund | 30 | Building Fund |
| 9 | Christian Education Fund | 23 | Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund | | |

Last week's offering

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| General Fund | \$7,044.00 |
| Missions Fund | \$530.00 |
| Building Fund | \$270.00 |
| Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund | \$31.40 |
| Christian Education Fund | \$11,385.00 |
| World Renew | \$60.00 |

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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: You can read the latest newsletter from Hope Haven [here](#) and a newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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Happy Birthday this Week

Ruth Clousing, Pat Eggebeen, Rob Haan, Sos Maletoungou, Laurey Zwart, Max Hoekstra, Caden Zonnefeld, Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dave & Luanne Goslinga, Ryan & Angela Hannigan, Jeff & Sara Ploegstra

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday 2nd | 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Morning Worship (via Facebook Live): Pastoral Groups 3,4,5 present Formation Sunday Evening: Prayer Meeting |
| Sunday, 9th | 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present Formation Sunday Evening: Evening of Praise & Prayer |