

**SUNDAY, August 9, 2020**

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## **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 9**, Dr. Jason Lief will be preaching while Pastor Joel enjoys some time away. 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. 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**

On Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering, we will again gather in the fellowship hall for a time of prayer. We will use prayers and liturgies from the book *Every Moment Holy* by Douglas Kaine McKelvey to guide us as we offer to God our laments, our petitions, and our joys.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema and Cliff Hoekstra.

### **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.

### **Justin Bailey's Ordination**

Next Sunday, **August 16**, during our morning worship service, we have the joy of ordaining Dr. Justin Bailey as a minister of the word in the CRC.

### **Christian Education Fundraising Project**

We will be sheet rocking the second floor of a house the week of **August 17-22**. If you are willing to help with this project please contact Adam Fedders (text 712-441-2073). We plan to work evenings from 6-9 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM. Tools that may be needed: a great attitude, some jokes, sheet rock drill or drill with a sheet rock tip, utility knife, sheetrock saw, hammer, tape measure, T square, pencil. If you don't have those tools, we still need your help – we need people to hold sheet rock in place as well! The house address is 22 13th Ave SE and it's the house on the south side of this acreage.

### **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.

### **Worship-At-Home pictures**

We would love it if you could send a picture or two of you and your family worshipping at home. If you could snap a picture and send it to the church office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)), we would appreciate it!

### **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](mailto:davidkrmr@hotmail.com)) or Joe Eggebeen ([joebeen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!)

## 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.

## 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 |    |               |

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| <b>Last week's offering</b> | General Fund             | \$975.00   |
|                             | Missions Fund            | \$125.00   |
|                             | Building Fund            | \$75.00    |
|                             | Christian Education Fund | \$2,265.00 |
|                             | World Renew              | \$50.00    |

## 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: Kelly & April Crull's latest newsletter is [here](#). Back to God Ministries/ReFrame Media has shared some prayer requests that can be found [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 Maletoungou  
smaletoungou@crcna.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens  
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
tvandyk@crnapartners.org

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Dani Wyenberg, Kathleen Van Tol, Deb Hibma*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Ron & Carol Oostra, Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Benjamin & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk, Ryan & Amie Smit*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10:00 AM<br>5:00 PM | Morning Worship (via Facebook Live): Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present<br>Formation Sunday Evening: Evening of Prayer         |
| <b>Monday</b>                  | 7:00 PM             | Deacons Meeting   |
| <b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b> | 10:00 AM<br>5:00 PM | Morning Worship (via Facebook Live), Pastoral Groups 3,4,5 present<br>Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel |

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