

SUNDAY, September 6, 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, **September 6**, Pastor Joel begins a series focusing on the Lord's Prayer and the ways this prayer can help us grow as disciples of Christ. 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 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](#). We will also celebrate Communion this Sunday. If you are worshipping in the sanctuary, you are welcome to bring your own bread and fruit of the vine for yourself and your family. However, we will also have bread and juice available for you to receive by walking forward. We will invite you to come forward when you feel ready and then ask that you take your bread and juice back to your seats. Whether we are worshipping in the building or at home, our prayer is and will be that with God's life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, we and the entire church may be called out and made whole through the supper. We pray that as we share the communion of the body and blood of Jesus, we may be united in him and remain faithful in love and hope until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the kingdom.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! For the next three Sunday evenings, join us for Church Between Borders, an interactive workshop led by Dr. Jason Lief that will hopefully spark thought and discussion for those interested in engaging immigration from a Biblical perspective. We invite you to join us as we reflect on the biblical mandate to welcome the stranger and consider what that means in the current context.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Jesu Cristo El Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo & Karina Gonzalez.

Weekly Family Devotions on the Lord's Prayer

During September and October, Pastor Joel will be preaching on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer and what this prayer can teach us about discipleship, especially during our current trying time. Members of the Faith Formation Committee are putting together simple family devotions that relate to each of the petitions. We hope you will find them relevant and engaging, no matter your age! It's available in two versions – a [printer-friendly option](#) and a [mobile-friendly option](#). Check them out at the link above or pick up a copy in the NE entry at church! A new set will be available on Sundays or emailed out on Mondays.

Silage Pile Volunteers Needed on Saturday

Can you help? We need as many volunteers as we can get this Saturday morning, **September 5**, to cover silage piles. Check the email sent out on Thursday morning for all the details! This will help raise money for our Christian Education Fund. Contact Adam if you have questions.

Worship & Good Fellowship Picnic Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning, **September 13**, we plan to worship outdoors at Heritage Village again. All are welcome! This particular Sunday would have been our Sunday School Picnic, but because of the delay in starting church education, we've renamed it the 2020 Good Fellowship Picnic! We invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and plan to stay for food and fellowship with your church family.

Silage Pile Survey

Silage pile season is currently upon us and the Christian Education Committee is hoping to get in on more of that fundraising action. Please fill out this short [survey](#) so we know who to contact when a pile is ready. (This is a corrected link!)

Christian Education Fund Updates

We had a great Saturday raising funds for Christian Ed and spending time with our church family. We were able to cut down and completely clean up the tree at the parsonage. We also tagged on a few bonus projects (and funds for Christian Ed). We removed the broken cement in the sidewalk on the south side of church, ground out 3 other stumps, cut down another tree, and clean up a pile of broken up concrete for our church family. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and thank you to those that let us help you do a little fall cleaning. Check out our church's [Facebook page](#) for a few pictures and video! Adam has a couple more projects lined up for this fall yet: pour a concrete pad for Adam Adams and do a little dirt work for Marv Wielard. Stay tuned for announcements on when those projects are ready to start – hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully we will be able to do a few more projects before the snow flies. Thanks again for your willingness to help us with these projects. If you or anyone else has a project they need help with, be sure to let Adam or someone on the Christian Education Committee know. We would be happy to give a hand. We can do shingling, light construction projects, tree trimming or whole tree removal, landscaping, etc. – basically just about anything!

Covenant Shares Table

If you have extra garden produce to share, please bring it along to church with you! During the week, drop off or pick up produce on the table in the NE entrance.

Dordt Music Events

- You are invited to a faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ, on Saturday, **September 5**, at 7:30 PM in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. Masks are required and seating will be socially distanced.
- Join the Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra for our annual Pops Concert on Saturday, **September 12**, at 7:30 PM. This year's concert will feature the music of master cinematic composer, John Williams. We invite you to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and maybe even a snack, exercise social distancing and wear your mask, and enjoy the incomparable Iowa fall weather, as the Dordt instrumental ensembles treat your ears to a wonderful evening of music!

Offerings for September

6	General/Building Fund	20	Missions Fund
13	Christian Education Fund	27	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$875.00	Building Fund	\$175.00
	Missions Fund	\$325.00	Christian Education Fund	\$1,125.00

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: The latest newsletter from Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk is [here](#), a recent newsletter from Areopagus Campus Ministry is [here](#), and prayer requests from Back to God Ministries International can be found [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

Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer, Micah Goslinga

Happy Anniversary this Week

Nate & Shawna van Niejenhuis

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 6th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 4,5,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Church Between Borders
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Sunday, 13th	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village (and via Facebook Live) Good Fellowship Picnic Church Between Borders
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