

SUNDAY, September 13, 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 13**, we once again have the opportunity to gather outdoors for worship at Heritage Village! All are welcome! So far the weather looks good, but watch for an email and/or a Facebook post if plans need to change for weather. And this Sunday, we may actually want to find a sunny spot to sit instead of finding the shade! As usual, take your blankets or chairs and space out on the south and west side of the big barn, or let the parking attendants know that you plan to stay in your car, and they will direct you where to park. We do hope to livestream the service on our Facebook page as well, and, as usual, here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). Even as we worship outside, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask, especially if you plan to sing**. We acknowledge that it's not always comfortable and things are not as they should be. We hope many will stay for the Good Fellowship Picnic following the service (announcement below)!

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! This Sunday evening, we continue 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. We livestreamed this past week's gathering if you want to catch up on the conversation from last week (it can be found [here](#)) and we hope to livestream again this week.

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 Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Katie Russell.

Good Fellowship Picnic This Sunday

This Sunday morning, **September 13**, 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 hope you'll join us in worship out at Heritage Village, and we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and plan to stay for food and fellowship with your church family following the worship service!

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! Week 2 (September 7-12) devotions are available in two versions – a [printer-friendly option](#) and a [mobile-friendly option](#). Week 3 (September 14-19) devotions for next week are also available. Here is the [printer-friendly option](#) and a [mobile-friendly option](#). Or stop and pick up a copy in the NE entry at church! A new set will be available on Sundays or emailed out on Mondays.

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet again Tuesday, **October 13**. We will discuss *Unsettling Truths*, by Mark Charles and Soong-Chang Rah. The provocative book makes us think hard about important questions, even when we do not agree with it completely. If you have questions about the Awareness Book Club, please get in touch with Eric Rowe or Joel Kok. We invite you to join us.

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.

The 39 Steps

If you have a chance, catch Kate Henreckson and others in *The 39 Steps*, a play put on by Sioux Center Arts at the Te Paske Theater. Shows are Thursday through Saturday, **September 10-12** at 7:00 PM and Sunday, **September 13** at 2:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) or at the door.

Dordt Music Events

- Join the Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra conducted by Director of Instrumental Ensembles, Dr. Onsby C. Rose, for our annual Pops Concert on Saturday, **September 12** at **7:00 PM** (note the corrected time!). This year's concert will feature the music of master cinematic composer, John Williams. From the Mass Band opening the concert with Williams' acclaimed setting of The Star Spangled Banner, to the Chamber Orchestra with featured student violin soloist, Brianna Miedema, or the emotionally-filled notes of the Theme to Schindler's List, we are sure there will be something to be enjoyed by all! This year's concert has been moved indoors to the De Wit Gymnasium exercise. There will be limited seating for approximately 200 guests. Please practice social distancing and wear your mask, and enjoy a wonderful evening of music!
- The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place on Friday, **September 18**, at 3:00 PM, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers just outside the auditorium following the recital. Masks are required for all recital attendees and seating will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how Covid-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions on in-person attendance.

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	\$5,529.00	Building Fund	\$285.00
	Missions Fund	\$190.00	Christian Education Fund	\$4861.38

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: A recent newsletter from Mission India is [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Laura De Kruyf, Shawna van Niejenhuis, Adam Kramer, Kelly Crull, Charlie Wyenberg

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 13th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship at Heritage Village (and via Facebook Live)
	11:30 AM	Good Fellowship Picnic
	5:00 PM	Church Between Borders
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Classis lakota
Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM	Outdoor Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Church Between Borders
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)
