

SUNDAY, September 20, 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 20**, we gather again in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), and 3 (DeSmith/Feikema) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshipping online via Facebook Live. For those worshipping in the building, 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 also encourage you to move outdoors to socialize after the service! Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). This Sunday, Pastor Joel will be focusing on the third part of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come," as we look at the ways this prayer leads us into discipleship.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! This Sunday evening, we conclude 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 the past gatherings if you want to catch up on the conversation (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 Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Cory Van Sloten.

A Giving Opportunity:

In response to our community's need, we are collecting items for Mid-Sioux and the Hope Food Pantry. During the month of **September**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate canned fruits and vegetables. You can bring them to church anytime during the month. Please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday School Letter

We hope you took a few minutes to read the letter from the Education Committee with some Sunday School updates that was sent out by email on Monday. If not, you can find it [here](#).

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! You can find them at the links below or feel free to stop by and pick up a copy in the NE entry at church!

- Week 1 (September 1-5): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 2 (September 7-12): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 3 (September 14-19): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 4 (September 21-26): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)

GEMS Kick-Off

Girls in grades 4-8 are invited to kick off the 2020-2021 GEMS season with a movie night on Wednesday, **September 23**, 6:30-8:45 PM. And since last year ended abruptly, the 9th grade GEMS girls are also welcome to come to this gathering as way to close out last year's season. The GEMS will gather for the movie in the lower parking lot at Faith CRC, so grab your lawn chair! Hot dogs, chips, and a movie snack will be provided.

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 Honors Recital

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.

JFA Fall Banquet & Annual Meeting/Auction

Justice For All is changing things up this year! You're invited to join us at the combined Fall Banquet & Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday, **October 1**. Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the Parkview Events Center in Rock Valley. Due to COVID, we will not be inviting a ministry partner to travel this year, but you will hear from many of them virtually! There will be a short business meeting. The Fall Auction will be looking a bit different this year, as much of it will be online. There will be a silent auction at the event and a complete list of online items will also be available. Reservations for the meal are necessary and can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry, both past and future, as well as support JFA ministry through the auction! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

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	\$2,070.00	Building Fund	\$335.00
	Missions Fund	\$20.00	Christian Education Fund	\$4,185.00
	Compassion Fund	\$300.00	World Renew	\$200.00

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: 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!

Kelly & April Crull
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Pam Adams, Erik Hoekstra, Rockne McCarthy, John Stevenson, Viola Stiemsma, Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 20th	10:00 AM	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)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 PM	GEMS Movie Night (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 27th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 4,5,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Jake & Trena Van Wyk
