

SUNDAY, October 4, 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, **October 4**, we gather 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. As was mentioned in the Courier article, the elders have amended the practice to invite members or families to attend each week when they feel that best suits their spiritual health. 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 next petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," as we look at the ways this prayer leads us into discipleship. We also celebrate World Communion Sunday and, with Christians around the world, will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Elements will be provided, or you may take your own if you prefer. For those of you at home, have them ready to go!

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! This Sunday evening, Jeff Taylor will lead some discussion about our current political climate.

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 New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

World Hunger Sunday

We plan to celebrate World Hunger Sunday on **November 1**. Since fewer of us are in the building each week and because we want you to also have time to use the Lord's Prayer devotionals, we are passing out the World Hunger devotional booklets and Peter Fish a bit early this year! Please pick it up on your way out! There are both adult and family devotional booklets – take either (or both!) – and use them throughout these next weeks!

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 **October**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, tissues, etc.). 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 kindness!

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](#)
- Week 5 (September 28-October 3): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 6 (October 4-10): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)

Church Directory

It's time to get a new church directory out again! Since not all of us are in the building as regularly right now, I will be updating your directory listings by sending you an email this year. Please watch for it in the coming weeks, and I would appreciate a quick reply to let me know that the information is all correct or to communicate any changes/updates. Thanks for your help!

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.

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for a few more volunteers to run the live-stream and projection on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Marty Vander Plaats (Martyvp69@gmail.com) or Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com).

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.

SCCS Mission: Defeat the Debt!

Join Sioux Center Christian School's Mission to Defeat the Debt with a Drive-Thru Supper on Saturday, **October 24** from 5-7 PM! Enjoy a delicious take-home meal of grilled boneless Iowa pork chop, cheesy potatoes, and choice of cheesecake or gourmet cupcake. A delivery option is available for those who are unable to drive. The meal is a freewill donation with an opportunity to unlock \$20,000 in matching funds! Reserve your meals by noon on Monday, **October 19** at www.siouxcenterchristian.com or call Amy Vander Berg (712-441-4530).

JFA Meeting/Dinner Rescheduled

Justice For All has rescheduled the annual meeting/dinner that was scheduled for October 1. It will now take place on **October 29**. Please RSVP by **October 22**. A flyer is located on the bulletin board.

Offerings for October

4	General/Building Fund	18	Missions Fund
11	Christian Education Fund	25	World Renew

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$1,670.00	Building Fund	\$508.00
	Missions Fund	\$100.00	Christian Education Fund	\$2,065.00

Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. 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 your deacon 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 Mike & Megan Ribbens in South Africa is [here](#) and the latest newsletter from Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk is [here](#). A newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church 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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Ed Brummel, Anna Christians, Eric Rowe, Emma Henreckson, Steve Holtrop, Kara Maletoungou, Samuel Maletoungou, Samuel Westfall

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ed & Natalie Brummel

Thank You!

From Betty Vander Plaats: "Thank you for all of the food and expressions of sympathy in Pete's passing. The care of the congregation was definitely felt!"

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 4th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present (and via Facebook Live) Jeff Taylor
Wednesday	7:00 PM	GEMS
Sunday, 11th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 4,5,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Gil Kamps