

SUNDAY, October 11, 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 11**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 4 (Brue/Goslinga), 5 (Schaap/Rowe), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) 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 next petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," 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, Pastor Gil and Janice Kamps will join us and share more about their work in Kenya at The Reformed Institute of Theological Training.

Mixing Things Up

We have been meeting with Pastoral Groups 1-3 and 4-6 together for a while now, and thought it might be nice to give you all a chance to worship with different members in our congregation, so we plan to mix up the groups a bit after this Sunday. On **October 18**, Pastoral Groups 1, 3, & 5 will worship in person, and on **October 25**, we'll welcome Pastoral Groups 2, 4, & 6. As was mentioned in the October Courier, in addition to the three groups each week, the elders have amended the practice to invite members or families to attend each week when they feel that best suits their spiritual health. We are confident that there will be enough room to distance if families are interested in attending church on their "off" Sunday; however, to be sure and if possible, you can email Melissa Bailey to let her know you plan to attend.

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 Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

World Hunger Sunday

Anybody want to feed some fish? In three weeks, we will be observing World Hunger Sunday and collecting money on behalf of World Renew's work with our hungry brothers and sisters worldwide. Look for Peter Fish banks and devotional books for both children and adults on the table in the fellowship hall and pick them up on your way out!

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet at church on Tuesday, **October 13** at 7:30 PM. 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.

Cadet Light Bulb & Battery Sales

Cadets, all light bulb and battery sales are to be handed in on Wednesday, **October 14**. Remember to check both sides of your sales sheets and make one master sheet, with your name at the top, to be handed in. Keep all your customers' sheets to be able to distribute the bulbs and batteries upon delivery.

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 Lord's Prayer and what this prayer can teach us about discipleship, especially during our current trying time. Our Faith Formation Committee is 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](#)
- Week 7 (October 11-17): [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!

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) or the school office (722-0777).

The Art of Marriage

On **October 16-17**, Bethel CRC will be hosting an event called The Art of Marriage at the Lighthouse. Newlywed or long time married, healthy or hurting marriages, all are welcomed to this event. The content is produced by Family Life and it is a smaller version of the Weekend to Remember. Contact Dan Elgersma (dan@bethelc.org) or Stan & Karen Wynia to with questions with questions and to register. Cost is \$30 per couple.

JFA Meeting/Dinner Rescheduled

Justice For All has rescheduled the annual meeting/dinner for **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	\$4,061.00	Building Fund	\$250.00
	Missions Fund	\$375.00	Christian Education Fund	\$2,470.00

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 Kelly and April Crull is [here](#) and Love INC's newsletter is [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@crncpartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

David Westfall, Finley Drissell, Mark Horstman, Zoe Hoekstra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dan & Sandi Altena

Membership Transfer

Josue, Ana, Amaliah, and Josiah Feliciano have transferred their membership to Sioux Center United Reformed Church.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 11th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 4,5,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Pastor Gil & Janice Kamps
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Awareness Book Club
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Fred Wilgenburg (New Roots Ministry)