

SUNDAY, May 30, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also 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).

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **May 30**, we have the opportunity to worship with our whole church family once again! This morning Pastor Joel will begin a new series on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

During this month, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services will use prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence and meditation on scripture. Services will last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Council:

The CDC is now recommending fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. As we continue our commitment to follow CDC guidance, we are removing any recommendations about masking if you are fully vaccinated. Our guidelines will continue to adapt as we learn more about COVID and as the CDC continues to update their recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

Sunday Morning Discussions

At 9:00 AM this Sunday and in coming weeks, Pastor Joel will convene a time of dialogue in the Covenant Church basement on the Ten Commandments to accompany his sermon series. We invite all who are interested to attend.

Coffee After Morning Worship

We hope to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service each week as weather permits. We hope you'll head outside to fellowship with your church family.

Courier

The June Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

June Sunday Servant Scheduling

Beginning in June, we will resume scheduling our Sunday morning ushers, greeters, and coffee servers. Start looking for the schedule in the [June Courier](#), on the [website](#), and on the bulletin each week.

Opportunity to Serve

Covenant is in need of some more volunteers to lock, unlock, and monitor doors during our morning worship services. You would be trained for this task, be paired with another volunteer, and help in making our church a safe and welcoming place to worship. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please contact Rebecca De Smith.

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 **May**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate boxed, bagged, and packaged products (rice, potatoes, Hamburger Helper, taco seasoning, etc.). Bring them to church anytime during the month and please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

Save the Date!

Covenant will have a retreat at Oak Grove on **October 1-2**. We will share more details as it gets closer. If you have suggestions or want to help with planning, please contact Laura Janssen.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Prayer: When praying with children, try this kid-friendly version of the "ACTS" model, replacing Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication with these prompts: "God, you are..." - "I'm sorry for..." - "Thank you for..." - "Please..." (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **June 1**. Video: Living with Schizophrenia. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jamie Dykstra.

Offerings for May

30 World Renew Disaster Response: India Covid-19 Crisis

Offerings for June

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$1,430.00	Missions Fund	\$270.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,109.56	World Renew	\$200.00

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: Updates from Mission India can be found [here](#).

June Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday, please contact someone from the substitute list!

Greeters: Dan A, Lisa C, Pat C	Coffee: Megan H, Sanneke K, James R
Ushers: Deb H, Carol O, Marv W	Substitutes: Dennis DJ, Luke H, Cal J, Tricia K, Rin G, Linda V

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

Emily Eppinga, Joan McCarthy, Sherri Ten Napel, Jo Faber

Happy Anniversary this Week

Daryl & Deb Hibma, Mark & Cheri Horstman, Dallas & Carol Apol, Joe & Erin Eggebeen

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 30th	9:00 AM	Pre-Worship Dialogue
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Thursday	8:00 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM	Pre-Worship Dialogue
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
