### **WORSHIP NOTES**

# **Worship Services Online**

Click <u>here</u> to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/">https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/</a>). 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, **June 20**, Pastor Joel will continue a series on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We look this week at the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment – "honor your father and mother." 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**

## **Sunday Morning Discussions**

At 9:00 AM this Sunday and in coming weeks, Pastor Joel will hold 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.

### **July Courier**

I'll be working on the July Courier this coming week. Do you have something to include? We'd love to hear from you! Send it to the office by Monday, **June 21**.

## **Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard**

It's time to reconnect and enjoy some backyard fellowship! Sign up to host or attend a backyard gathering on Sunday evening, **June 27** at 6:00 PM. Here's how it works:

- Groups will be assigned randomly and you won't know where you're going/who will be showing up until the day of! (More details to come.)
- We'll share a true potluck meal of sandwiches, salads, and dessert. You're asked to bring what you can to share with your group. Hosts will be asked to provide a beverage. All will be asked to bring chairs and tableware.
- We'll spend time catching up, maybe playing games, and being reminded of the beauty of God's intergenerational church.

Sign up online by clicking <u>here</u> or in the fellowship hall by this coming Tuesday, **June 22**! Contact Rebecca De Vries or Beth Vanden Berg with any questions.

#### **Church Safety**

As we continue to welcome all members back to worship at Covenant, we will resume locking some of our doors for your safety and protection. On Sunday, **June 27**, all doors will be open for worshippers to enter before the morning service (except the SE door, which will remain locked at all times), but after 10:10 AM, only the main entrance doors will be open for latecomers. Volunteers will be present to welcome and direct worshippers who come after this time. Doors will be unlocked at the end of the service, although you can exit through any door whenever needed. In addition, all church doors will be locked on Sunday afternoons, and only the main entrance doors will be open for our Sunday evening Faith Formation gatherings. If you have any questions, please talk to your elder.

#### A Biblical Approach to Immigration

Join author and Evangelical Immigration Table national coordinator Matthew Soerens for this conversation on how biblical principles can inform our response as Christians to immigration issues and, more importantly, to refugees and other immigrants themselves. Anyone interested in learning more about faith and immigration is welcome to this free event on **June 23**, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the DeWitt Learning Commons Vogel Room at Northwestern College. Please go here to register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbor-a-christian-response-to-immigration-tickets-152363813267">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbor-a-christian-response-to-immigration-tickets-152363813267</a> Questions? Contact Jason Lief at ilief@bbbimmigration.org.

#### **Housing Need**

Two Dordt University incoming freshmen from Thailand need a place to stay from July 26 or 27 until the dorms open on August 15. Hongqifan, representative of Knowledge Tree, a Christian nonprofit organization, recruits Christian students from China and Thailand to attend Dordt and/or Calvin. If interested in helping this young man and young lady, please contact Fan at 224-829-6241, or <a href="hongqifan913@gmail.com">hongqifan913@gmail.com</a>. There is a possibility of a stipend to help with food costs. (Questions? Contact Jo Faber.)

### **At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Wonder: Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is a miracle." How might you become more attentive to God's miraculous work all around you? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

# **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of interim pastor Jay Denne.

# Offerings for June

20 Missions Fund 27 Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$7,094.50	Missions Fund	\$510.00
_	Christian Education Fund	\$6.574.50	Buildina Fund	\$580.00

## **Online Giving**

To give online, click <u>here</u> 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 <a href="here">here</a>.
- Sermon recordings are posted here.
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church can be found <a href="here">here</a>, a newsletter from Minn-I-Kota Youth Network is <a href="here">here</a>.

# **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!

Kelly & April Crull Gianni & Georgina Gracia sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk crulls@caimail.net giannigracia@yahoo.com smaletoungou@crcna.org mribbens@gmail.com tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

# **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



#### **Happy Birthday this Week**

Duane Bajema, Donna Brue, Isabella Hannigan, Alexa Castelan, Logan Hannigan, Barb Tazelaar, Rachel Landman

### **Happy Anniversary this Week**

Stan & Beth Vanden Berg, Tom & Ruth Clark, Verne & Gidge Meyer, Bob & Rebecca DeSmith, Nick & Jenni Breems, Laremy & Rebecca DeVries, Rockne & Joan McCarthy

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Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Pre-Worship Dialogue Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)		
Monday	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting		
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Pre-Worship Dialogue Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live) Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard (in various backyards)		