

SUNDAY, June 20, 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, **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 5th 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 [here](#) 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: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbor-a-christian-response-to-immigration-tickets-152363813267> Questions? Contact Jason Lief at jlief@bbbimmigration.org.

