

SUNDAY, August 16, 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, **August 16**, we are glad to have Pastor Joel back from his vacation and leading us into the Word again. He will begin a short series in the book of Hebrews. During our morning worship service, we also have the joy of ordaining Dr. Justin Bailey as a minister of the word in the CRC. This week, Pastoral Groups 4 (Brue/Goslinga), 5 (Schaap/Rowe), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) are welcome to worship in the sanctuary. Please review the [Phased Reopening Guide](#) to review some of the safety actions that we're asking those in attendance to take. And once again, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask if you plan to sing**. We know that it's not always comfortable, but we ask it at this time out of love for neighbor. For those of you who will not be worshipping in the building, we invite you to join us in worship at home via Facebook Live. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! This Sunday, as well as the next two weeks, Pastor Joel will lead formation gatherings regarding faith, hope, and love. The gatherings will include teaching, dialogue, and prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Christian Education Fundraising Project

This week, **August 17-22**, we will be sheet rocking the second floor of a house to raise money for our Christian Education Fund. If you are willing to help with this project please contact Adam Fedders (text 712-441-2073). We plan to work evenings from 6-9 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 5 PM. Tools that may be needed: a great attitude, some jokes, sheet rock drill or drill with a sheet rock tip, utility knife, sheetrock saw, hammer, tape measure, T square, pencil. If you don't have those tools, we still need your help – we need people to hold sheet rock in place as well! The house address is 22 13th Ave SE and it's the house on the south side of this acreage.

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.

Worship-At-Home pictures

We would love it if you could send a picture or two of you and your family worshipping at home. If you could snap a picture and send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net), we would appreciate it!

Building Committee

The Building Committee of Covenant is looking for a few new members. Do you feel led to care for the church by taking care of the building, the parsonage, and the grounds? Do you want to make the church building be as caring, safe, and welcoming as the members of Covenant are? If so, please drop an email to current chair Dave Kramer (davidkrmr@hotmail.com) or Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com) for more information.

Covenant Shares Table

Covenant has this lovely habit of sharing our garden abundance with each other, but this year it is a bit more difficult. On Sunday, we will plan to put a table up outside, so if you have extra garden produce to share, please bring it along. After Sunday, we'll try leaving the table in the NE entrance during the week, so stop by and drop off or pick up produce when you're out and about. (We encourage you to throw a quick post on the Covenant Free Swap if you leave produce during the week so people know it's there!)

Love & Learn Classes

Love INC's fall session of Love & Learn classes are starting Tuesday, **August 25**, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. We will be offering the following classes: Faith & Finance, GriefShare support group, Parenting, Affirming Potential, and Redemptive Compassion. Love INC is also looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in various capacities – greeting, making a snack for class nights, childcare, and Faith & Finance mentors. If you would like to volunteer or register for these classes contact Love INC (712-476-5990). For more information, visit our website (<http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/>).

Offerings for August

2	General Fund	16	Missions Fund	30	Building Fund
9	Christian Education Fund	23	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund		

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$5,260.00
Missions Fund	\$245.00
Building Fund	\$518.00
Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	\$125.00
Christian Education Fund	\$5,990.00

Online Giving is Live!

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also text your gift to the GivePlus Text Phone Number at 833-710-4823. 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 Adam Fedders 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: The latest newsletter from the Maletougous in West Africa is [here](#) and Mission India's latest newsletter 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 Maletougou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Blake Stiemsma, Steve Crull, Barb Mellema, Shaun Stiemsma, Derek Friend

Happy Anniversary this Week

John & Laurey Zwart, Jake & Trena Van Wyk, Del & Lois Vander Zee, John & Linda Visser

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 16th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 3,4,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel
Monday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Christian Education Fundraising Project Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Christian Education Fundraising Project
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Christian Education Fundraising Project
Thursday	6:00 PM	Christian Education Fundraising Project
Friday	6:00 PM	Christian Education Fundraising Project
Saturday	8:00 AM	Christian Education Fundraising Project
Sunday, 23rd	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel
