

**SUNDAY, August 23, 2020**

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## **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 23**, we invite you to grab your lawn chairs and blankets and head over to Heritage Village to join together with our whole church family for worship. We will once again be worshipping by the big barn at Heritage Village. As we did in June and July, we plan to reserve some space for people to drive up closer in order to worship from their cars. Tell a parking attendant if you would like to do that. We invite the rest of you to spread out under the trees and on the lawn...6 feet apart from other families. Ushers will have bulletins with the order of worship. And once again, even though we are outside, 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. You are again welcome to bring your own picnic lunch or go on a tree walk after the service – it's a great opportunity for some extended outdoor fellowship with your church family. Keep an eye on the weather and dress accordingly. We will email at 9:00 if weather keeps us from meeting outside. In that case, we will simply livestream the service from the sanctuary. And as you've probably heard before, if you have a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, please stay home. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca De Vries. If you are not able to join us in person, we do plan to livestream the service this Sunday, so find it on Facebook Live as usual and worship with us in spirit in your homes using the order of worship in the [bulletin](#) or 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 Pastor Joel continues the teaching series on faith, hope, and love. The gatherings will include teaching, dialogue, and prayer.

### **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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

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

### **Christian Education Fundraising Project**

Great progress has been made on our Christian Education sheet rocking fundraiser this week! Adam is hoping the project can be completed either tonight or tomorrow, so contact him (text 712-441-2073) if you can help out with this last push to finish up! Join the crew from 6-9 PM at 22 13th Ave SE (it's the house on the south side of this acreage). Adam has some more fundraising projects in the pipeline, so watch for more information to come!

### **September Courier**

Do have something you would like to include in the September Courier? Please send it to the church office by Monday, **August 24!**

### **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](mailto:Martyvp69@gmail.com)) or Rebecca De Vries ([rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com)).

### **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](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)), we would appreciate it!

### **From Sioux Center Christian School:**

Sioux Center Christian School begins the 2020-21 school year this Tuesday, **August 25**. We are excited to welcome over 500 students into our classrooms and ask you to pray that the joy of learning and living God's Story will fill our hallways and our hearts each day through this school year! Thank you for your faithful love and support of our school!

### Cadets Kick-Off

Cadets will be having a kickoff party at Air Madness on Saturday, **August 29**. We will meet at Faith CRC at 2:00 PM and will be home about 8:00 PM. All incoming 5th grade boys who plan to attend Cadets are welcomed to join us, and 8th grade Cadets of last year are also encouraged to attend for one last time. If you met your fundraising goal last fall or are a new 5th grader, your cost will be \$5. If you did not meet your goal, the cost is \$15. If you have not done so already, please let Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com) know by Wednesday, **August 26** so we can arrange transportation. Also, remember to go online to the Air Madness website to fill out the waiver form. Any questions or concerns, please email Joe Eggebeen.

### Discipleship Wednesday

On Wednesday, **September 2** at 7:30 PM, you are invited to gather with other Covenant members to discern how our Lord is forming us as disciples. During this odd and uncertain time, we can think how the Lord spoke to ancient Israel during an attack of locusts. (See Joel 1.) As we live through an ongoing pandemic with its economic and political implications, what can we hear together from the Lord? At this gathering, Pastor Joel will offer some opening thoughts about discipleship, and then we will have some dialogue before joining together in prayer. This gathering will also inform a sermon series on the Lord's (or Disciples') Prayer that will begin on **September 6**.

### 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. (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!)

### Faculty Organ Recital

The public is cordially invited to a faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ, on Saturday, **September 5**, at 7:30 PM in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. Carrie will present a variety of organ repertoire ranging from the Baroque period to composers of our time. The program includes two works by Böhm, a partita on the beloved Genevan Psalm 42, contrasting pieces by French composers Vierne and Alain, the lively and seldom-performed Saga no. 7 by Jean Guillou, and will conclude with a Mendelssohn Sonata. Masks are required for all recital attendees and seating will be socially distanced.

### 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	\$4,157.00
Missions Fund	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Christian Education Fund	\$3,100.00

### 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 Maletoungous 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 Maletoungou  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Chris Goedhart, John Zwart, Matt Drissell, Elise Stiemsma, Shonna Plasier, Dave Schelhaas*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Len & Lee Rhoda*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Outdoor Morning Worship at Heritage Village (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 PM	Cadet Kick Off (meet at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,2,3 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching with Pastor Joel