SUNDAY, February 7, 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).

Worship on Sunday Morning
This Sunday, **February 7**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), 3 (DeSmith/Feikema), and 5 (Schaap/Rowe) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshiping online via Facebook Live. For those worshiping in the building, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask, especially if you plan to sing**. Here is a link to the mobile-friendly worship guide. Pastor Joel is preaching from the lectionary during this season of Epiphany. We will not celebrate communion this Sunday; rather, as in years past, we will gather at the Lord's Table each Sunday during Lent, beginning on Sunday, **February 21**.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening
This Sunday evening, we will gather at 5:00 PM, and Pastor Joel will be leading some teaching and conversation on the Psalms as our prayer book.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and ministry of Pastor Bob Drenton.

Ash Wednesday
On Wednesday, **February 17**, we begin our observation of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. The service begins at 6:30 PM. Our aim during this service is threefold: "to meditate on our mortality, sinfulness, and need of a savior; to renew our commitment to daily repentance in the Lenten season and in all of life; and to remember with confidence and gratitude that Christ has conquered death and sin" (*The Worship Sourcebook*). The service will include the imposition of Ashes. Due to COVID-19, we will provide options and freedom to receive the ashes in a way that is most comfortable for you.

Salt Sale Fundraiser
Covenant is joining with Bridge of Hope in a softener salt fundraiser to raise money for our Legacy fund. Look for more information coming in the next month but here are some of the key details to keep in mind. We will be asking Covenant members to buy/sell softener salt and also volunteer on delivery day. Delivery date is currently set for Saturday, **April 10**. We will need volunteers with trucks and trailers to help with the delivery of the softener salt. We will also need help loading bags onto trailers and also into homes. Start thinking about how you can help and keep an eye out for more information! Thanks for being willing to help raise funds for our kid's great education!

Faith Formation Opportunity:
Are you interested in a fresh way to enrich your faith life? The Faith Formation Ministries of the CRC is offering a set of resources on Spiritual Disciplines that examines 12 faith formation practices. This online study provides opportunities to nurture your faith in intentional and creative ways. Follow this link to the Faith Formation Project to access these spiritual discipline resources and watch for the At-home Faith Formation Tip here in the bulletin.

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 **February**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate spaghetti sauce and pasta. You can bring them to church anytime during the month. Please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for showing love to others in this way!

Church Nursery
Just a reminder that the nursery is open for parents with small children to use during Sunday morning worship. We will not be staffing the nursery with volunteers but it will be open for families as needed.

SCCS Kindergarten Round Up
Do you know a child who is ready to start school this fall? It is Round Up time at Sioux Center Christian School and we are excited to share how your child will be enfolded as they learn and live God's Story at our school! Please go to siouxcenterchristian.com/admissions for more information. Our Parent Information meetings are on Thursday, **March 5** and Round Up is **March 25 & 26**. A child must be 5 years old by **September 15** to enroll in either TK or K. Please call or email our office if you have any questions (722-0777; sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com).

At-home Faith Formation Tip
The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Proverbs 14:31 says, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Who in your community is needy? What might you do to show kindness to that person or group of people? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for February

7	General/Building Fund	14	Christian Education Fund
21	Missions Fund	28	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering				
	General Fund	$6,310.00	Missions Fund	$145.00
	Christian Education Fund	$1,870.00	Building Fund	$855.00

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: We invite you to read the latest newsletter from the Maletoungous here, a newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks is here.

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
Wil Alberda, Jane Taylor, Robbin Eppinga, Les Sybesma, Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 7th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Pastor Joel teaching on the Psalms as our prayer book
Monday	7:00 AM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 14th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Singing the Psalms