

SUNDAY, April 9, 2017

WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship today!

Please join us for coffee/tea/juice in the fellowship hall after the service – we would like to get to know you!

Hearing assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Today

The Sunday before Easter is an occasion for both joy and sadness. We celebrate with joy as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem in such a way as to herald his true status as King. Yet our joy is tempered by the knowledge that the week to come brings his betrayal and death. Our worship today is shaped by the impulses of both Palm and Passion Sunday. In this morning's service we focus on the celebration hope of Psalm 118 – the promise that God watches over us and protects us and that we rest secure in God's providential care. This evening, we take a break from our series on Numbers to consider Jesus' triumphal entry and cleansing of the temple as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, using the evening service to look ahead to the events of Holy Week.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

We will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday, **April 13**, at 7:30 PM. Communion will be served and nursery will be provided. Join us again for a brief Good Friday worship service at 12:00 PM on **April 14**. Sam Gutierrez's Stations of the Cross prints will be on display in the fellowship hall late Thursday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. Feel free to come early or linger a bit after the services or stop by church at another time to view and reflect on them.

Offerings for April

	AM	PM
16	Missions Fund	Bible League
23	Tuition Assistance Fund	Christian Schools International
30	Amistad Cristiana	

Last week's offering GEMS \$578.83

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Sharon Dykhuizen, Sara Eppinga, Sharon Bouma

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Lappenga/Christians** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 16**, we'll take a break for Easter Sunday and resume again on April 23 when the **Schelhaas/Mellema** pastoral group will gather.

Covenant Sunday Morning and Sunday School Schedule

There will be no Covenant Sunday Morning and Sunday School next Sunday, **April 16**, because of the Easter holiday. We will resume all classes on **April 23**.

Welcoming Others to Covenant

Do you like connecting with new people? We are looking to have someone staff the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall each week before and after church and are looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in this capacity. The commitment is for 10 minutes before and after church 3-4 times/year. This is a great opportunity to help new folks know about events coming up at Covenant. If you are interested, please email Pastor Kory (pastor@covenantcrc.net)

Dordt Discovery Days

Registration is open for Dordt Discovery Days! DDD is Dordt's five-day camp from **June 19-23**, for students who have completed 6th-8th grade. Go to www.dordt.edu/events/ddd for information and to register.

Community Unity Meal

Due to Maundy Thursday this Thursday, **April 13**, there will be no Community Unity Meal this month.

Hope Haven Gospel Music Festival

We invite you to celebrate Easter weekend with outstanding southern gospel music. The Dixie Melody Boys from Kinston, NC will be presenting a benefit concert on Saturday evening, **April 15** at 6:30 PM at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. The concert will also feature the Master's Voice Quartet from Sioux Falls and the Triumphant Sound Quartet from Lawton, IA. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person and sold at the door only. The doors will open at 5:00 PM. All proceeds of the concert will benefit the local and global ministries of Hope Haven.

SCCS Trail'Raiser Night

Sioux Center Christian School's Annual Trail'Raiser Night is on Saturday, **April 22**. This fun event helps reduce the debt on the new addition and will include our famous Gourmet Cupcake Stand, Silent Auction, Crafts Market & Bake Sale, Freewill Supper and Concession Stand. Plus, the Survivor game show at 7:00 PM with 12 Castaways whom you probably know! Come out and see who endures to the end and claims the title of Ultimate Survivor! The annual Trailblazer Gala with a prime rib dinner is planned for Friday, **May 5**, so keep that night open too. Tickets will be sold at Trail'Raiser Night. Look for the flyer in your church mailbox today or go to www.siouxcenterchristian.com

Sioux County Oratorio

Join the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus this spring for an exciting concert featuring both the heritage and the future of oratorio! SCOC will come together with the Dordt College Concert Choir, the Northwestern College Heritage Singers, soloists, orchestra, and organ on Saturday, **April 22** at 7:30 PM in BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt's campus. Led by Dr. Benjamin Kornelis, the chorus will present Haydn's Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, also known as the "Little Organ Mass". SCOC will also be singing the Midwestern premiere of Songs of Ascent by Iowa native Shawn Kirchner. Tickets for adults are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at True Vine or the Dordt music office in Sioux Center or from a choir member.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 16	NEXT SUNDAY, April 16
Greeters	AM: Duane B, Linda VH, Marty VP ♦ PM: Deb H, Sally J, Dennis VP		
Ushers	AM: Adam F, Mark H, Rachel L ♦ PM: Wil A, Jo F		
Coffee	Alejandro C, Sanneke K, Rock MC, Gidge M, Jeri S, Kurt V		
Subs	Doug DB, Vicki H, Carol O, Don TN, Beth VB, Dani W		
Sound/Projection	Marv W ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ John K	Doug DB ♦ Dane H
Nursery April POM: Hulsteins	AM INF: Jason & Dani W, Ryan Z TODDLER: Alejandro & Isabel C, Val Z PM: Jake & Trena VW, Lee R	PM: Andy & Rachel L, Marge DB	AM INF: Paul & Ruth C, Angela H TODDLER: Erik & Barb H, Ryan H PM: Duane & Jan B, Dennis DJ

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship with Communion Lappenga/Christians Pastoral Group Dinner Evening Worship
Monday	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Women's Community Bible Study Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (Casey's Bakery) Cadet-O-Rama
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	12:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, 16th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Easter Morning Worship Evening Taize Worship