

## SUNDAY, April 1, 2018

**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

We're so glad you've joined us this Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's resurrection! Thank you to Dr. Justin Bailey for preaching for us this morning! Join us again this evening at 6:00 PM for a service of scripture, prayer, and song.

### Worship Next Week

Faith CRC, along with the GEMS from Bridge of Hope and Covenant, invites us to join them for worship and to celebrate our joint GEMS program on Sunday, **April 8**, at 6:00 PM. There will be no worship service at Covenant that evening.

### Worship on April 15

The Valley Male Chorus will be here at Covenant on Sunday, **April 15** for our evening worship service at 6:00 PM. An offering will be received for children and adults with disabilities receiving services at Hope Haven. All are welcome to this evening of message and praise.

### Offerings for April

	AM	PM
8	Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	
15	Missions Fund	Hope Haven
22	Tuition Assistance Fund	Resonate Global Mission
29	General Fund Outreach Commitments	

<b>Last week's offering</b>	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$643.17
	Back to God Ministries International	\$145.00

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats, Becky Drissell, Rebecca DeVries, John Visser, Megan Haan*

### Happy Birthday this Week

*Brian & Barb Mellema*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and our current pastoral search.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

We take a break today for Easter. Next Sunday, **April 8**, the **Friend/Bajema** pastoral group will meet at 12:00 PM for fellowship and a meal. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

### Early Teen Ministry

You're invited to the ETM end of the year party on Sunday, **April 15** at 7:30 PM at First CRC. We will get subs and chips to eat and then play some games and plan to be done at 9:00 PM. Come and join us to say goodbye to our 8th graders and some of our Dordt Leaders.

### NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00 PM on Tuesday, **April 3**. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

**Parents, youth leaders, and church members who invest in youth:**

Come to hear Josh Larsen, a film critic and editor of *Think Christian*, a digital magazine on faith and culture, speak on Tuesday, **April 3**, at 7:00 PM in the Vogel Community Room located in the DeWitt learning Commons on Northwestern College's campus. We will reflect together on how to engage with culture from a Christian perspective. This is a free event sponsored by Northwestern's Youth Theology Institute: Living Your Faith.

**Hope Haven Annual Benefit Auction**

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, **April 6** at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this evening of fun and fellowship. The doors open at 4:30 PM; food booth and buy-it-now table open at 5:00 PM; and the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit our website for a list of items that will be auctioned off ([www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org)). The whole family is invited to this community event!

**Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet**

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board, and congregation would like to invite you to the 12th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, **April 9** at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 PM with doors opening at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP by **April 2** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or online ([www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)). Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. If you are unable to attend, checks can be mailed to Dave Vande Kamp, Treasurer, 801 S. Gordon Dr, Sioux Falls, SD 57110. We appreciate your prayers all year long.

**Community Unity Meal**

Everyone is invited to a free "Community Unity" meal in Sioux Center on Thursday, **April 12**, from 6:00-7:00 PM at New Life Reformed Church. The meal host of the month is Faith CRC.

**Trail'Raiser Night**

Make plans to attend Trail'Raiser Night, a debt-reduction event for Sioux Center Christian School, on Saturday, **April 14**. For all the details see the flyer in your church mailbox or visit [www.siouxcenterchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com). We hope to see you there!

**Minnikota Youth/Dordt College Junior High Retreat**

The 8th Annual Minnikota Youth/Dordt College Junior High Retreat for 6th-8th graders is **April 20-22** at Inspiration Hills. The theme this year is "Transformed" based on Romans 12:1-2. If you need a registration form, email the church office or contact Lee De Groot (text 712-470-4244 or email [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com)). The registration deadline is **April 12**.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, April 8
Greeters	AM: Rob H, Jeff T, Marcia W ♦ PM: Pam DJ, Kathy DW, Len R	
Ushers	AM: Dave G, Rock MC, Sherri TN ♦ PM: Daryl H, Kris VP	
Coffee	Ana F, Sarah H, Mark Ho, Rachel L, Linda VH, Sharon V	
Subs	Sharon D, Sally J, Don TN, Kara T, Stan VB, Del VZ	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Dave/Micah G	Eric R ♦ Mark H
Nursery April POM: Hulsteins	AM INF: Megan H, Ryan H TODDLER: Rob H, Angela H PM: Jeff & Sara P, Lee R	AM INF: Robin F, Laura L TODDLER: Adam F, Emilyn S

**GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:**

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**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Social
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Friend/Bajema Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship at Faith CRC (GEMS Sunday)
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study