

**SUNDAY, April 4, 2021**

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## **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).

### **Easter Sunday Morning Worship**

This Easter Sunday, **April 4**, we gather in our building to celebrate Christ's resurrection with all welcome in the sanctuary (the service will also be livestreamed as usual on Facebook Live). For those worshipping 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](#). With social distancing, we expect the sanctuary to be fairly full, but we will set up some additional rows in the fellowship hall and encourage you to use the balcony, and we'll have ushers on hand to help with seating.

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

We will not meet this Sunday evening at 5:00 PM. **Please note**, starting **April 11**, our evening gathering time will shift to 6:00 PM until Daylight Savings Time ends in the fall.

### **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**

### **Church Education Schedule**

Please note that Sunday School and Catechism will **not** meet on Easter Sunday, **April 4**. Classes will resume April 11.

### **Coffee After Morning Worship**

We plan to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service this Sunday! We hope you'll head outside to fellowship with your church family! Though it is not our habit at Covenant, we plan to use disposable cups this week, both because it's a holiday weekend and because of COVID considerations. We encourage you to bring your own cup along if you would prefer not to use a disposable. We hope to offer coffee and juice outside as weather permits.

### **Salt Sale Delivery Volunteers**

Thanks for the great response for the salt sale delivery sign-up! But we could still use more help. There are still about 45 slots open for volunteers from both Bridge of Hope and Covenant and we can use any men, women, or young people who can carry a 40lb bag of salt! Sign up [here](#) or contact Emily Kramer ([evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com)) and she'll get you signed up.

### **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 **April**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate tuna and macaroni & cheese. 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 your generosity!

### **At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Celebrating: Today we celebrate an event that changed everything: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As you celebrate Easter with family and friends, read 1 Peter 1:3-9 together, and invite people of all ages around your table to share how you experience the "living hope" that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers. And in this pandemic year, express your gratitude for the way God's love has carried us through these very difficult times. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### **Poetry Reading**

Laura Apol will be a guest of Dordt's English Department next week. She'll be reading from her poetry at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, **April 6** in SB1606. Laura is Dallas Apol's daughter, grew up in Covenant, and has her BA in English from Dordt. Dr. Apol teaches literacy and curriculum at Michigan State University, where she is an award-winning teacher and a celebrated poet. Her poetry is powerfully informed by her experience and her passion for healing.

### **ETM End of the Year Party**

You're invited to the ETM (Early Teen Ministry) end of the year party on **April 10** from 5-7 PM. We will have pizza at First CRC and then go on a scavenger hunt. (This date is different than originally planned.)

## SCCS Trail'Raiser Night

We invite you to Sioux Center Christian School's 7th Annual Trail'Raiser Night on Saturday, **April 17**. We hope to completely defeat the remaining \$210,000 debt with this event! Doors open at 3:00 PM for Gourmet Cupcakes, Bars, Snack Mixes, and Truth T-shirts. Our Celebration of Learning Open House is from 3:00-5:00 PM and is a great opportunity to tour school and see how our students are learning and living God's Story. Our Freewill Supper (grilled pork loins/pork burgers) is being served from 4:30-6:30 PM, with indoor seating and a drive-thru option. The Live Auction begins at 6:30 PM. Watch for the auction listing and more details coming at [siouxcenterchristian.com/Support SCCS/Trail'Raiser Night 2021](http://siouxcenterchristian.com/Support_SCCS/Trail'Raiser_Night_2021)

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mike Pitsenberger.

## Offerings for April

4	General/Building Fund	11	Christian Education Fund
18	Missions Fund	25	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$2,490.00	Missions Fund	\$215.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,800.00	Building Fund	\$285.00
	World Renew	\$250.00		

## 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 from Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk [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

*John Visser, Megan Haan, Sam Eppinga, Sharon Dykhuizen, Benjamin Westfall*

## Thank You!

A special thank you to Pastor Joel, Ethan, Kurt, and our Covenant family for your prayers and many acts of kindness shown to our family after Verne's accident on January 6. This has been a long, challenging journey for us. However, we have been so blessed with wonderful therapy and medical care. As Verne continues his therapy, please continue to pray for healing.

-Verne and Gidge Meyer

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship (all are welcome, also via Facebook Live)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	GEMS
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Salt Sale Delivery
	5:00 PM	ETM End-of-the-Year Party (at First CRC)
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,2,5 present (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Compline (Service of Evening Prayer)

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