

SUNDAY, April 11, 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).

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **April 11**, we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection as we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), and 5 (Schaap/Rowe) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshipping online via 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](#). Pastor Joel is preaching from the [lectionary](#) during this season of Eastertide.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

For the next three weeks we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. Similar to our Lenten Thursday night Compline, these services will use prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence and meditation on scripture. Services will last between 45 minutes and an hour and include a brief meditation from Pastor Joel.

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 always welcome to invite guests and those looking for a church home to visit Covenant on any Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee After Morning Worship

It looks like the weather will cooperate, so we plan to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service this Sunday again! 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 again this week, and we encourage you to bring your own cup along if you would prefer not to use a disposable. We hope to continue to offer coffee and juice outside as weather permits.

Pork N Bands

The Covenant CRC Christian Education Committee along with the Fruited Plain invite you to Pork N Bands on Saturday, **April 24!** We will be serving Kramer's famous pulled pork sandwiches with chips and a sweet treat. Serving starts at 5:00 PM in the parking lot of the Fruited Plain. We will be offering To-Go boxes as well. All donations from the meal go toward the Christian Education Fund. Make sure to stay for the live music including Good Morning Bedlam and The Ruralists.

Pork N Bands Donations/Workers

The Christian Education Committee needs your help! We are looking for donations of food and materials as well as workers to help serve at the Pork N Bands event at the Fruited Plain on Saturday, **April 24**. Click [here](#) to sign up to donate items. Click [here](#) to sign up to work. There will be sign-up sheets on the back table at church as well.

Covenant Free Swap

Start saving your random reusable items! The SAM committee is organizing a free swap meet on Saturday, **May 1** at Covenant. Books, chairs, sports equipment, and more - pretty much anything goes. More info to come.

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: In Following Jesus, Henri Nouwen wrote, "Celebrating life is not a party but an ongoing awareness that every moment is special and asks to be lifted up and recognized as a blessing from on high." How might you become more aware of the moment-by-moment blessings you receive each day? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

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)

From Justice For All:

- Justice for All will be working alongside Grace Reigns Ministry in Colorado City, AZ from April 30 – May 7. We are inviting anyone interested going on this trip to contact JFA. During the week you will serve their community and learn about their culture through God's redemptive eyes. Please call Nick LeLoux at Justice for All to sign up (712-476-2804). Deadline to sign up is **April 20**.
- Justice for All is organizing a co-ed softball tournament on **May 15** at the Sports Complex in Rock Valley. Cost to enter a team is \$200, champions win a t-shirt, concession stand will be available. Deadline to register is **May 7**. Register through JFA website or contact Joel (712.476.2804). Join JFA for a day of fellowship, softball, and fun!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

Offerings for April

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$8,980.00	Missions Fund	\$1,180.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$6,980.00	Building Fund	\$1,175.00
	World Renew	\$235.00		

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

Sara Eppinga, Justin Bailey, April Crull, Eli Horstman, Dylan Kramer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 11th	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	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 18th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 3,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)