

SUNDAY, April 25, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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 25**, 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 taking this morning off from preaching, and so we welcome one of Covenant's former pastors, Rev. Dan DeGroot, to our pulpit this Sunday morning.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

For this month 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

We hope 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. We hope to continue to offer coffee and juice outside as weather permits.

May Courier

The May Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

Cadet Picnic

The Cadet Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 28**, at 6 PM, at Faith CRC. Cadets, please go to the south side of church for playing games. We will be roasting hotdogs and making s'mores around 7:00. All parents/families of cadets are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The 7th graders will be launching their rockets, weather permitting. The badges the cadets have earned over this past year will be handed out at the end of the evening. Incoming 5th graders are also welcome!

Covenant Free Swap

Start saving your random reusable items! The SAM committee is organizing a free swap meet on Saturday, **May 1** at Covenant from 9 AM to 12 PM. (Whatever is left will be packed up and donated.) Books, chairs, sports equipment, and more - pretty much anything goes. Bring your stuff before 9:00 (or as early as you're able) and feel free to take what you can use! We encourage you to invite friends or neighbors who might benefit from this as well.

Church Spring Cleaning

May 8 is church clean-up day! We'll start at 9:00 AM and your deacons will contact you with the jobs for which your pastoral group will be in charge. It's always a fun morning complete with a break time filled with goodies and coffee/juice. Bring the kids, and we'll find them a great job as well.

Spring Offering of Thanks

You will find giving envelopes for a Spring Offering of Thanks along with a list of causes in your church mailbox. We invite you to look this over and prayerful considering making a gift to some of these important ministries. We hope you'll return the envelopes by **May 9** by either putting it in the offering plate or mailing/dropping it off at church.

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: Family traditions create unforgettable memories—and they form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out this [video](#). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Justice For All Softball Tournament

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 Christ the King Catholic parish and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

Offerings for May

2	General/Building Fund	16	Missions Fund	30	To be determined
9	Christian Education Fund	23	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund		

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$1,430.00	Missions Fund	\$420.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,375.00	Building Fund	\$95.00

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 Crulls in Spain [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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Sos & Kara Maletougou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Eden Hawley, Alejandro Castelan, Sarah Stiemsma, Jacob Van Tol

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 25th	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	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	6:00 PM	Cadet Picnic (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	8:00 PM	Colossian Forum
Saturday	9:00 AM	Covenant Free Swap
Sunday, 2nd	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)
