

**SUNDAY, May 2, 2021**

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## **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, **May 2**, we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection as we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 3 (DeSmith/Feikema), 4 (Brue/Vos), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) 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 will be preaching on the [lectionary](#) passages from the book of Acts in the coming weeks.

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

During 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Coffee After Morning Worship**

We hope to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service each week as weather permits. We hope you'll head outside to fellowship with your church family.

### **From the Council:**

This week the congregation will be voting for new office bearers, and we invite all professing members who are age 18 and older to participate. There are two options for voting this year: you were sent an email on Wednesday with a link to online voting instructions and you can vote online [here](#). Online voting is open through **May 8** and each person voting will need to use a separate device or browser. If you would prefer, you can also vote by paper ballot **today** after our morning worship service. (If you would prefer to vote by paper ballot but won't be at church on Sunday, please contact one of the council members on the Executive Committee.) Members will be asked to affirm some, any, or all the nominees for Elder and Deacon. The names of all the nominees receiving approval of 2/3 of those voting will be eligible to be drawn on Sunday, **May 9**. On that Sunday, we will draw the names of three Elders and two Deacons who will serve on Council for the next three years. Thank you to everyone willing to allow their name stand for nomination. The nominations for Elder are Duane Bajema, Mark Christians, Pam De Jong, Laremy DeVries, Jeri Schelhaas, Trena Van Wyk, and John Visser. The nominees for Deacon are Ruth Clark, Dane Hibma, and David Kramer.

### **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.

### **Pork N Bands Thank You!**

The Christian Education Committee is so happy to announce that at the night of the event we raised \$2850.33! We also had an anonymous donor match up to \$2000 of our proceeds which makes the grand total \$4850.33! We have so many people to thank for making this event such a success: thank you to those who donated food/items, those who worked the event, and those who attended the event and gave generously. We are thankful to the Fruited Plain and Laremy and Rebecca De Vries for once again partnering with us. And thank you to Dave Kramer for the delicious smoked pork!

## 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 **May**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate boxed, bagged, and packaged products (rice, potatoes, Hamburger Helper, taco seasoning, etc.). 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 being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

## Resonate Global Mission Glocal Mission Summit

Imagine a conference where pastors, lay leaders, and attendees of CRC churches re-imagine all things Mission! Now imagine it is free, and happening **May 13-15**, and you and your church are invited! Join us for the Glocal Mission Summit 2021 – an interactive virtual conference designed to break ZOOM fatigue and empower lay leaders, students, scholars, pastors, and parishioners to engage mission. Find out more and register today: [www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal-mission-summit](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/glocal-mission-summit).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

## Offerings for May

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

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$750.00	Missions Fund	\$50.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,402.00	Compassion Fund	\$196.10

## 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](#) and the latest from the Groenewold-Van Dyks [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

*Julian Addink, Luanne Goslinga, Ale Castelan*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Eldon & Marcia Westra*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	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)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	Church Spring Cleaning
<b>Sunday, 9<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)
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