

## SUNDAY, March 25, 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

Thank you to Rev. Stanley Groothof from Trinity CRC in Rock Valley for preaching for us today!

### Note about the Bulletin Cover

The bulletin covers during the season of Lent are linoleum block prints by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. This is what the artist said about the print *Palm Branch*, which is on the cover today: "In ancient times the palm tree was associated with life and blessing. Found in desert oases, it was referred to as the tree of life. The branch was used as a victory symbol at public games and in battles. In the Old Testament palm fronds were carried in the Festival of Booths (Lev.23:40) as well as used as a motif in the design of the temple (1 Kings 6:29-35). As Jesus entered Jerusalem the people waved palms in triumphant rejoicing, laying them on the road before their king. Palms appeared in the funeral art of the catacombs, symbolizing Christ's triumph over sin and death. This image depicts the joy and the sorrow of the moment—the paradox of Christ's victory of life through humility and death."

### Maundy Thursday Worship

We will gather for a Maundy Thursday worship service with a celebration of communion during Holy Week on Thursday, **March 29**, at 7:00 PM. Rev. John Lee will give a meditation. Nursery will be provided.

### Offerings for April

	AM	PM
1	General/Building Fund	World Renew: World Hunger
8	Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	
15	Missions Fund	Hope Haven
22	Tuition Assistance Fund	Resonate Global Mission
29	General Fund Outreach Commitments	

### Last week's offering

Missions Fund	\$1,957.25
Resonate Global Mission	\$166.85

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**Happy Birthday this Week**  
*Emma Haan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

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

### Covenant Choir Rehearsal

All interested singers high school age and up are invited to sing in the choir for Maundy Thursday (**March 29**) and Easter morning (**April 1**). We will rehearse on Wednesday, **March 28** at 7:30 PM and Thursday, **March 29** at 6:00 PM before the service. We'll also practice for Easter on Sunday, **April 1**, at 9:00 AM. If you didn't make it last Wednesday, you're still welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Rebecca DeVries ([worship@covenantcrc.net](mailto:worship@covenantcrc.net)).

## F.O.S.S.I.L Gathering

The F.O.S.S.I.L. (60+) group will meet on Monday, **March 26** at 5:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. If you would be willing to share a pot of soup, please contact Pat Crull (722-1041 or sprull@mtcnet.net). Please let either Pat or Chris Goedhart (722-4394 or chris.goedhart@dordt.edu) know if you will be joining us. Wil Alberda will share more about "Telling Your Story." If you have a story to share, please take it along!

## Church Education Schedule

There will be no Covenant Sunday Morning, Sunday School, or Catechism next Sunday, **April 1** because of Easter.

## Love INC Annual Meeting

Please join Love INC as we meet to discuss how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2017! Our Annual meeting will be held Monday, **March 26**, 7:00 PM at the Main Street Plaza (across from M & H True Value in Rock Valley). Everyone is welcome!

## Loving Our Neighbor: A Christian Approach to DACA

Come for food and conversation at First CRC in Sioux Center on Wednesday, **March 28**. The purpose of this event is to help Christians in Sioux Center become informed on the issue of DACA and immigration reform. Our focus is to get beyond the politics of the issue—it's not a liberal or conservative thing—so we can develop a Christian approach to helping our neighbors. The meal begins at 5:00 PM (BBQ Pulled Pork is on the menu) and conversation begins at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Please RSVP (jsonlief@gmail.com) to let us know how many plan to attend (so we have enough food!). This event is sponsored by the CRC Office of Social Justice and SALUD of Storm Lake.

## Iowa Prayer Breakfast

Join us Maundy Thursday, **March 29**, from 7:15-8:45 AM at the HOME building (located behind Culvers). We will live-stream the event from Des Moines. A light breakfast is provided. To register for breakfast, please email siouxcenter.home@gmail.com and call Jen Sandbulte (712-463-2011) for more information. People from all walks of life come to enjoy this Maundy Thursday celebration with the reading of the Scriptures, local vocalists and musicians, an inspiring message from a selected keynote speaker and prayer for the state of Iowa.

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

	TODAY	THURSDAY, March 29	NEXT SUNDAY, April 1
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Adam F, Tim K, Lila S ♦ <b>PM:</b> Cal J, Barb T, John V		<b>AM:</b> Rob H, Jeff T, Marcia W <b>PM:</b> Pam DJ, Kathy DW, Len R
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Paul C, Joan MC, Jake VW ♦ <b>PM:</b> Rebecca DS, Laurey Z		<b>AM:</b> Dave G, Rock MC, Sherri TN ♦ <b>PM:</b> Daryl H, Kris VP
<b>Coffee</b>	Alejandro C, Mark C, Jo F, Barb H, Kurt V, Dani W		Ana F, Sarah H, Mark Ho, Rachel L, Linda VH, Sharon V
<b>Subs</b>	Duane B, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Beth VB, Dennis VP, Eldon W		Sharon D, Sally J, Don TN, Kara T, Stan VB, Del VZ
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Kayt F ♦ Dane H	Jeff P ♦ John K	Doug DB ♦ Dave/Micah G
<b>Nursery</b> <b>March POM:</b> Wyenbergs <b>April POM:</b> Hulsteins	<b>AM INF:</b> Dave K, Dani W <b>TODDLER:</b> Emily K, Jason W <b>PM:</b> Doug & Marge DB, Jo F	<b>PM:</b> Davey & Kate H, Eldon & Marcia W	<b>AM INF:</b> Megan H, Ryan H <b>TODDLER:</b> Rob H, Angela H <b>PM:</b> Jeff & Sara P, Lee R

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning: Communion Conversation
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Mellema/Haan Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:30 PM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 PM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship