

SUNDAY, March 28, 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).

Worship on Sunday Morning

This Sunday, **March 28**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups (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](#). This Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, and on this Sunday we have the opportunity to celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as well as looking ahead into Holy Week where our cries of "Hosanna" turn to "Crucify him!" We will again gather at the Lord's Table this Sunday.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening at 5:00 PM, the Formation Fellowship would like to invite you to join us to plant a Resurrection Garden. Each household will be able to plant one garden to take home, and it is our hope that as you anticipate your grass seeds sprouting and growing during Holy Week, you will also anticipate our new life in Christ which we'll celebrate on Easter. So we can plan for the event and have enough supplies available, please fill out [this form](#) to let us know you're coming! (We'll have some extras on hand, so come even if you forget to sign up!) **Please note**, starting **April 11**, our evening gathering time will shift to 6:00 PM until Daylight Savings Time ends in the fall.

Holy Week Services

We hope you'll join us for our Holy Week services. We will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday, **April 1**, at 7:00 PM and on Good Friday, **April 2**, at 12:00 PM.

Easter Worship

The elders have decided to welcome all pastoral groups to worship on Easter Sunday, **April 4**, at 10:00 AM. We invite you to read their note about Easter worship in the Courier [here](#) (at the top of p.1).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation.

April Courier

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

It's Time to Sign Up!

It's time to sign up to help with the Salt Sale Fundraiser! We need all hands on deck! Can't haul 40lb bags of salt? That's ok – there are also opportunities to sign up to bring snacks and supplies! Sign up [here](#) or contact Emily Kramer (evanderhart@yahoo.com) and she'll get you signed up.

Church Education Schedule

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

Lenten Kindness Tree

Have you added a leaf to the Lenten Kindness tree yet? Look for acts of kindness in your life during the week: things you have done or said, things you hope to do, or the kind actions of others. Write those acts of kindness on paper leaves and attach them to the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Each week, our tree will gain leaves as we grow through acts of kindness.

Opportunities for Lenten Prayer and Reflection

We welcome you to stop by and use the prayer station in the old SW fellowship hall during this season of Lent. There are devotional resources available and we invite you to pray with your hands at the Lenten loom.

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 **March**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate personal hygiene products: deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, lotion, toothpaste (a high demand item!), 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 sharing with others!

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so love for the brethren is learning to listen to them." Who might you show this kind of "listening love" to in the coming week? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for March

28 World Renew

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	\$2,675.00	Missions Fund	\$555.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$2,614.58	Building Fund	\$160.00

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 Mission India [here](#) and a ministry report from World Renew [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

Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats, Rebecca DeVries

Happy Anniversary this Week

Brian & Barb Mellema

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 28th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 3,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Making Resurrection Gardens
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	6:15 PM	Cadet-O-Rama (at Rock Valley Christian School bus barn)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	12:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday	10:00 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4th	9:00 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship (all welcome)