

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022

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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.

### Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **April 3**, is the fifth Sunday of Lent. We are *remembering* this Lent – and this Sunday we remember that "God brings joy" and we are reminded in Psalm 126 that "those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy." We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. This Sunday we also welcome the Northwestern College Drama Ministries Ensemble who will share the Parable of the Sower. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **April 3**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services 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 last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation. Our Vespers service this evening will include a testimony from members of the Visscher family.

### Worship in Holy Week

Join us for Holy Week Services on Maundy Thursday, **April 14**, at 7 PM and on Good Friday, **April 15** at 12:00 PM.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Scripture Memorization for Lent

During Lent, you are invited to join in the discipline of scripture memorization. We will memorize Psalm 103 together. Read it daily at home and recite it with us after communion each week. Let's hide God's word in our hearts. For **April 10**, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:20-22. Need some help memorizing? Say it aloud. Write it down. Put the text everywhere. Check out this article for more tips: <https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2013/03/ten-tips-for-memorizing-bible-verses/>



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Today, **April 3**, the **Schelhaas/Feikema** group will gather for food and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 10**, the **Schaap/Rowe** pastoral group will gather.

### Salt Sale Orders

If you missed the salt sale order deadline this week, please contact Emily Kramer directly. ([evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com))

### Congregational Conversation

After our morning worship service on **April 10**, we will hold a congregational conversation about the Communication our Council plans to send to Synod. Copies of the Communication are available on the table in the fellowship hall; or either Pastor Joel or your elder can email you a copy. The conversation on April 10 will end at noon at the latest; and, if it seems fitting, we can gather for additional dialogue.

### Easter Invitation

Would you like to join Joel and Tricia Kok for a meal after our Easter morning worship at Covenant? We would welcome your company. We plan to eat at about noon on Easter, **April 17**, so you could either come over directly after worship or you could go home and change and then come to the parsonage. Please let us know if you'd like to join us.

### CRC Survey

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/8779](http://crcna.org/survey/8779) to answer the survey questions by **April 15**.

### Report on Human Sexuality

There are a few copies of the Synod report on Human Sexuality on the table in the fellowship hall. Feel free to sign a copy out and return it when you're finished with it. You can also read it online [here](#).

### NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **April 5**. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

### David Batstone at Dordt

The K and K Dooyema Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Dordt University would like to invite you to join them as they welcome speaker, David Batstone, presenting "Purpose, Passion, and Profit: Aligning These 3 Ps Might Change Your Life" on Tuesday, **April 5** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

### Dordt Choir Concert

The Dordt University Concert Choir will perform sacred masterworks by J. S. Bach and Franz Schubert with orchestra on Friday, **April 8** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature two Renaissance motets by William Byrd and Tomas Luis de Victoria, Bach's Cantata BWV 196 (*Der Herr denket an uns*) with text from Psalm 115, and Schubert's Mass no. 2 in G major. The major works will be accompanied by an orchestra led by concertmaster Lisa Miedema and featuring professional players from the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra and section leaders from the Dordt University Chamber Orchestra. Professional vocal soloists from the region will also perform. The concert will also be available on livestream at [dordt.edu/events/3-62603](http://dordt.edu/events/3-62603).

### Hope for the Journey Conference

Katelyn's Fund invites you to Hope for the Journey Conference on **April 9** from 8:30-3:30 at Center Point Church in Sioux Center (formerly First Reformed Church) If you are a teacher, parent, grandparent, or caregiver of any kind come and gain

practical tools in parenting and working with adoptive or foster children. Contact Tammy Zevenbergen at [tammy@katelynsfund.org](mailto:tammy@katelynsfund.org) for more information and to sign up.

**Mission India Event**

You are invited to a special evening event coming up on **April 12** at 6:00 PM at Yesterday's Memories Museum in Sanborn. There will be a dinner catered by Jay's Restaurant and Mission India's Josh Visser will give a keynote address highlighting field updates that will inspire you while also sharing the difficult realities of spreading the Gospel in India today. During our time together, we will share several powerful recent stories of God's people doing His work amidst the most extreme conditions. RSVP for this event by clicking [here](#). There is no cost to attend. Also, you can come early or stay late to take a stroll through the museum!

**Register for Inspire 2022**

Come to Chicago **August 4-6** for a time of togetherness, worship, and learning. Not sure about making travel plans? We get that. That's why we've got a generous refund policy, and we've extended the early-bird rate! Also, gather five or more people from your church to get the group rate. We'd love to see you there. Learn more and register at [crcna.org/inspire](http://crcna.org/inspire)

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Celebrating: Read Psalm 103:1-5 and ponder or discuss the following questions. When you look at your "inmost being," how often do you find yourself in "celebration mode"? What might you do to celebrate every day? Can you picture yourself "crowned with love and compassion"? Try that during your next prayer time. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**

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

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$7,377.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$4,140.83

**Giving at Covenant**

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, it was decided at the December congregational meeting that all cash/checks will now be used as needed unless designated. (You can read more about it [here](#) on page 6.) 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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: Read the most recent newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks [here](#) as well as some specific prayer requests [here](#).

**Sunday Servant Scheduling:**

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, April 10
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Jan B, Alejandro C, Sally J	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Kathy DW, Bob DS, Tim K	
<b>Coffee</b>	Cheri H, Sanneke K, Shirley M, Jake VW	
<b>Subs</b>	Dan A, Jenni B, Doug DB, Joan MC, Gidge M, Marty VP	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Nick B + Marty VP	Andy L + Dane H
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Channon & Joni V, Ethan & Donna B	AM: Shaun & Sarah S, Laura J

**Encouraging our Missionaries**

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

Kelly & April Crull                      Gianni & Georgina Gracia                      Sos & Kara Maletoungou                      Mike & Megan Ribbens                      Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**

*Rebecca DeVries, John Visser, Sam Eppinga, Sharon Dykhuizen, Benjamin Westfall*

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Schelhaas/Feikema
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
	7:30 PM	ETM End of the Year Party (at First CRC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS End of the Year Bash
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	SAM Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:20 AM	Congregational Conversation on Communication to Synod
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Schaap/Rowe
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)