

SUNDAY, April 10, 2022

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **April 10**, the sixth Sunday of Lent, is Palm/Passion Sunday. It is a day to remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and be mindful that the cries of "Hosanna!" will soon turn to "Crucify him!" We are *remembering* this Lent – this Sunday we remember that Christ reigns – even as he rides on a donkey. And we remember that even if our praises go silent, the stones will cry out to our King. We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **April 10**, 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 tonight will include a meditation on Barabbas by Dallas Apol. We will not gather next Sunday evening, **April 17**.

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. On Maundy Thursday, we will follow Jesus' command to receive the Lord's Supper in memory of him and in his presence. Nursery will be provided. On Good Friday, we will ponder various stations of the cross, combining scripture, prayer, and the artwork of Pastor Sam Gutierrez, a former Covenant member as we worship Jesus as our Crucified and Risen Lord. We encourage you all to join us for these worship services as we look forward to Resurrection Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Conversation

After our morning worship service this Sunday, **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 will end at noon at the latest; and, if it seems fitting, we can gather for additional dialogue.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today, **April 10**, the **Schaap/Rowe** group will gather for food and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! We will take Easter Sunday off and on Sunday, **April 24**, the **Bajema/Clark** pastoral group will gather.

Church Education Schedule

Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, Catechism, or Covenant Sunday Morning on Easter Sunday, **April 17**.

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.

Salt Sale Volunteers Needed!

The big day is coming up! We have sold 2,759 bags of softener salt and now we need to deliver it! On Saturday, **April 23**, we will need as many hands as we can get to make delivery go quickly and smoothly! Bring work gloves and know that you may need to follow a truck in your own vehicle. We know some of you are not able to help with delivery, so we ask you to please pray for safety for all our workers and drivers that day. We will also need snacks to fuel us! You can sign up to bring those snacks or to help deliver salt on the worker sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BADAA28A4FE3-bridge2> Or email Emily Kramer (evanderhart@yahoo.com) if you would like me to put your name on the sign up.

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 to answer the survey questions by **April 15**.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Celebrating: Read John 2:1-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Can you picture Jesus celebrating and being joyful just as easily as you can picture Jesus preaching and being serious? Why or why not? How might we invite Jesus to be at the center of significant celebrations today? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Steve Van Wyhe.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$6,285.75 Christian Education Fund \$3,000.00

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](#). [Here](#) are prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries.

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17	NEXT SUNDAY, April 17
Greeters		AM: Jan B, Alejandro C, Sally J	
Ushers		AM: Kathy DW, Bob DS, Tim K	
Coffee		Cheri H, Sanneke K, Shirley M, Jake VW	
Subs		Dan A, Jenni B, Doug DB, Joan MC, Gidge M, Marty VP	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Dane H	Doug DB ♦ Tom C	Jeff P ♦ ??
Nursery	AM: Shaun & Sarah S, Laura J	PM: Ron & Carol O, Marty & Kris VP	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Jo F

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
 Sara Eppinga, Justin Bailey

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 10th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:20 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Congregational Conversation on Communication to Synod Pastoral Group Dinner: Schaap/Rowe Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM 6:50 PM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery) Prayer Group Youth Group Cadet-O-Rama (Bus Barn behind Rock Valley Christian School)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	12:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, 17th	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship