WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click <u>here</u> 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 17**, is Easter Sunday, a day to remember and celebrate Christ's resurrection. We will close the service today with the singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus" and all are welcome to come to the front during the final song and sing. 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

We will not gather this Sunday evening, April 17.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening on April 24

We are excited to host the Northwestern College Drama Ministries Ensemble again during our evening service on **April 24**. The Readers' Theater production of "The Road to Emmaus" will present Easter's Emmaus Road story in three movements and conclude with a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The service will begin at 6:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salt Sale Volunteers Needed!

We have sold 2,759 bags of softener salt and now we need to deliver it! On Saturday, **April 23**, we will need many hands 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 can't help with delivery, so we ask you to please pray for safety for the workers and drivers that day. You can also sign up to bring 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).

Church Education Schedule

Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning will resume next Sunday, April 24.



Pastoral Group Dinners

There is no pastoral group dinner today, **April 17**, but on Sunday, **April 24**, the **Bajema/Clark** group will gather for food and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Church Spring Cleaning

Join us for a Church Spring Clean-up morning beginning at 9:00 AM on **April 30**. Your deacon will contact you with where your group will be working. C'mon out and help spruce up our church. Snacks and drink will be available after we've put in some elbow grease!!

Free Rock!

The front garden at the parsonage will be redone and the rock needs to be gone. Please enjoy getting the rock up and out of there and transport to your own yard for your very own beautification project. Questions? Call Rin (722-4394)

Hope Haven Spring Concert

Hope Haven, Inc. will host a Spring Concert featuring the Duttons on Saturday, **April 30** at 6:30 PM at BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. The Dutton family is well known for their popular family-friendly Branson, MO show. Tickets are \$20 a person, or \$50 for a family pass. Visit hopehaven.org for more information.

Mendelssohn Elijah

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College's A Cappella Choir, will be presenting Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on Saturday, **April 30** at 7:30 PM in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. One of the greatest musical dramas of all time, the story describes the great battle between Elijah and the prophets of Baal and Elijah's spiritual journey from discouragement to trust in God. Make plans today to attend! Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Evie's Hallmark, Windmill Park Jewelers, the Dordt and NWC music offices, or from any SCOC member.

Save the date!

Monumental VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 18-21**! The volunteer sign-up will open **May 1** and VBS registration will open **May 18**. If you are interested in helping plan VBS or helping with decorations, contact Shawn Meyers (712-441-5518).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

Faith Practice Reflection Tip: Read Revelation 7:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Easter Sunday is the most important celebration of the Christian year, and this passage paints the ultimate picture of Christian celebration. Have you ever imagined what that day will be like? Give it a try. (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 Centerpoint congregation and the ministry of Pastors Jamie Dykstra and Chris Godfredsen.

Last week's offering General Fund Christian Education Fund \$2.894.00 \$1,780,00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click here. You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, 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 Groeneworld-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	NEXT SUNDAY, April 24	
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	Jeff P ★ Marty VP	Eric R → Jason W	
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Jo F	AM: Jason & Sara H, Jeff & Sara P	

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 crulls@caimail.net giannigracia@yahoo.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk smaletoungou@crcna.org mribbens@gmail.com tvandyk@crcnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

April Crull, Eli Horstman, Dylan Kramer, Rose Postma, Jackson Visscher, Ruben Crull, Nathan Maletoungou, Stella Ribbens

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT		
Sunday, 17 th	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship
Monday	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Prayer Group Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Saturday	8:00 AM	Salt Sale Delivery
Sunday, 24 th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Pastoral Group Dinner: Bajema/Clark "The Road to Emmaus" Readers' Theater (NWC Drama Ministries Ensemble)