

SUNDAY, April 24, 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 24**, we continue the resurrection celebration in this season of Eastertide and our risen Christ will also make himself known to us in the breaking of the bread as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Pastor Joel is gone for a conference, so Rev. Shirley Folkerts will be preaching. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening, **April 24**, at 6:00 PM, we are excited to host the Northwestern College Drama Ministries Ensemble as they share with us the Readers' Theater, "The Road to Emmaus," presenting Easter's Emmaus Road story in three movements which will conclude with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This 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! Next Sunday, **May 1**, we will finish up the spring pastoral group dinners with the **Rhoda/Sybesma** group gathering for lunch and fellowship.

Pastor Joel at a Conference

Just a reminder that Pastor Joel is taking some time off to attend a conference until **May 2**. During this time, please contact your pastoral group elder with any pastoral concerns or prayer requests.

Cadet End of the Year Picnic

The Cadet end of the year picnic has been moved from **April 27** to **May 4**, to accommodate the Faith YP fundraiser. Cadets will have a regular meeting on **April 27**.

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!!

Church Education Schedule

Just a reminder that next Sunday, **May 1** is the last Sunday in our Church Education year.

Spring Offering of Thanks

The Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes have been placed in the church mailboxes. This is a way to donate to causes not included in our church budget. We would like to collect the envelopes by **May 8**. Please place them in the collection boxes. Extra envelopes are on the back table.

May Courier

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

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)

40 Days of Prayer – Sign Up Today!

As part of the CRCNA's year-long prayer initiative, Together Seeking God's Face, you are invited into a 40-day season beginning **May 1** of intentional, guided prayer leading up to Synod 2022. Learn more and sign up for daily Scripture and prayer prompts to be sent to your email for 40 days: network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer.

Dordt Small Ensembles Recital

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital on Friday, **April 29**, at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature the Dordt University saxophone and percussion ensembles, a vocal duet, a jazz combo, and a piano ensemble with 2 pianos, 8 hands.

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).

Flowers and Plants

The Western Christian FFA Chapter would like to take some work off your hands this spring! Do you love full-looking baskets, but hate planting them? Bring your pots and planters to the Western Christian greenhouse or the Western Christian front lobby anytime in the month of April and the greenhouse committee will plant your baskets and take care of them until it is warm enough for you to take them home and set them outside. When you drop off your pot make sure to include your name, phone number, and if the basket will be in the sun or shade. Prices will depend on the size of the pot. We will also sell hanging baskets for \$40 and individual plants for \$5 each available for purchase on **May 5 & 11** (9 AM to 6 PM) and **May 6** (9 AM to 8 PM). If you have any questions please email fa@westernchristianhs.com or text Emily (712-460-2507).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Celebrating: Read Luke 15:20-24 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How would you feel if a child of yours whom you thought was dead appeared on your doorstep, seeking your forgiveness? If you were the father in this story, what would your celebration look like in today's world? What does this story tell you about God's character? (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 Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

Last week's offering General Fund \$8,140.95 Christian Education Fund \$5,259.00

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 Crulls [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, May 1
Greeters	AM: Jan B, Alejandro C, Sally J	AM: Isabel C, Mark H, Dennis VP
Ushers	AM: Kathy DW, Bob DS, Tim K	AM: Ruth Clo, Dennis DJ, John V
Coffee	Cheri H, Sanneke K, Shirley M, Jake VW	Natalie B, Lisa C, Jason H, Marcia W
Subs	Dan A, Jenni B, Doug DB, Joan MC, Gidge M, Marty VP	Jo A, Paul C, Pat C, Chris G, Luke H, Ron O
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Jason W	Jeff P ♦ Dane H
Nursery	AM: Jason & Sara H, Jeff & Sara P	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Dave & Jeri S

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

Eden Hawley, Alejandro Castelan, Sarah Stiemsma, Jacob Van Tol

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Bajema/Clark
	6:00 PM	"The Road to Emmaus" Readers' Theater (NWC Drama Ministries Ensemble)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Saturday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning Day
Sunday, 1st	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Rhoda/Sybesma
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study