

SUNDAY, May 1, 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, **May 1**, 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 Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **May 1**, 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. Our Vespers service tonight will include a testimony from Wil Alberda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **May 1**, the **Rhoda/Sybesma** group will gather for food and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! This is the last of the pastoral group dinners for this spring.

Church Education Schedule

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

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 Picnic is scheduled for this Wednesday, **May 4**, at 6 PM, at Faith CRC. We will be roasting hot dogs and making smores around 7 PM. All parents/families of the cadets are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The 7th graders will be launching their rockets, weather permitting. The badges they have earned over this past year will be handed out that evening. Incoming 5th graders and their parents are also invited to join us.

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.

Thank You!!!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to another successful salt sale fundraiser this year! We are thankful for all of you who bought salt, or sold salt to your neighbors, or delivered salt, or brought treats, or prayed for safety on the big day. We were able to sell 3,123 bags of salt this year, which brought in about \$4100 for our Christian Ed fund and \$4100 for Bridge of Hope's Christian Ed fund. We will be doing this fundraiser again next April so keep it in the back of your mind! Thanks again!
-Christian Education Committee

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.

Bible League Salad Luncheon

All are welcome to the Bible League's spring Salad Luncheon at Sanborn CRC, (208 N Western St., Sanborn) tomorrow, **May 2**, beginning at 12 PM. You are asked to bring one salad for every four persons. Pastor Phil Westra is going to talk to us about bees and gardening, in how we can use our everyday work to spread the Gospel. Important announcements and a short business meeting to update you about our activities will be part of our program. We hope to see you there!

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).

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, **May 3**. Video: Living with Mental Illness. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Dordt Music Events

The Dordt University Music Department will be hosting several music events this week. All will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concerts and programs will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

- Join us for a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Tuesday, **May 3** at 8:00 PM. Featured on the performance will be the 16-voice 4th Avenue Singers and the 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Kevin Linder.
- The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Choral Ensembles Concert on Friday, **May 6** at 7:30 PM. This performance will include Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir. The repertoire will feature modern works, multicultural perspectives, and deep convictions of faith expressed through song. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold; all other ensembles are conducted by Ryan Smit.

- On Saturday, **May 7** at 7:30 PM, the Dordt Instrumental ensembles will present their final concert of the academic year. The concert will feature the Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Symphony. They will be joined by guest conductor Maestro Michael Johner. Maestro Johner joins us from Rottenburg, Germany where he is the principal conductor of numerous ensembles. He will guest conduct all three Dordt ensembles, bringing his knowledge and experience with German and European music to Dordt students. Also on the concert will be music by Brahms, Fillmore, and Ver Der Roost. To close the concert, the Dordt Wind Symphony will perform Omar Thomas's acclaimed "Come Sunday," which has proven to oft time have listeners dancing in their seat!

Flowers and Plants

The Western Christian FFA Chapter will sell hanging baskets for \$40 and individual plants for \$5 each available for purchase on **May 5 & 11** (9:00 AM to 6:00 PM) and **May 6** (9:00 AM to 8:00 PM). If you have any questions please email ffa@westernchristianhs.com or text Emily (712-460-2507).

Commissioning Service

The Rev. Mark & JinHee Klompfen family has been called to serve with Resonate Global Mission in Nepal. As a classis we are supporting his ministry and have been invited to join their calling church for a service of Word and prayer with leaders from Classis Heartland, Iakota, Minnkota and Resonate Global Mission. The service takes place at Hawarden CRC on Sunday, **May 15**, at 2:00 PM. We celebrate remembering— "The gospel...will be preached to the ends of the earth...then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Prayer: Read Matthew 6:9-13 and ponder or discuss the following question. In *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner writes, "'Thy kingdom come... on earth' is what we are saying. And if that were suddenly to happen, what then? What would stand and what would fall? ...To speak those words is to invite the tiger out of the cage, to unleash a power that makes atomic power look like a warm breeze." What are we asking when we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth? (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 Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Randy Widbin and Carlos Perez.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,576.00 Christian Education Fund \$3,044.00

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](#). The latest from the Groenewold-Van Dyks is [here](#). A newsletter from Village Northwest Unlimited is [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 8
Greeters	AM: Isabel C, Mark H, Dennis VP	
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Dennis DJ, John V	
Coffee	Natalie B, Lisa C, Jason H, Marcia W	
Subs	Jo A, Paul C, Pat C, Chris G, Luke H, Ron O	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Dane H	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Dave & Jeri S	AM: Joe & Erin E, Kathy DW

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
Julian Addink, Adria DeKruyf

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:00 PM	Cadet End of the Year Picnic (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
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	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)