

SUNDAY, April 16, 2023

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

Today, **April 16**, we continue the Easter celebration as we look at the story of Thomas encountering the living Christ. We welcome Dr. Jason Lief to the pulpit this morning, and Pastor Joel will lead us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And thank you to Jeremy Hummel for the succulents and cacti displayed in the front of church. Feel free to take a closer look after the service. But please don't touch! Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Formation

This Sunday, **April 16**, at 6:00 PM you are invited to a presentation by Mike Adams, CEO of Adams Thermal Foundation, and Pam Adams, former professor at Dordt University. Come hear the amazing things that God is doing among the poor in Ethiopia! The cycle of poverty is being broken through education, community development, and the power of the Gospel. Pastors are being trained, homeless are being fed and housed, mentored in a vocation, and shown a new life in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Edifying Engagement: ESA

After our morning worship today, **April 16**, the Deacons will convene a congregational dialogue regarding the new Education Savings Account (ESA) law in Iowa. We invite everyone to regather in the sanctuary about 10 minutes after the service to explore together how Covenant and other congregations will continue to relate to Christian Schools.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today, **April 16**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 23**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will meet.

Salt Sale Delivery Time!

The salt is ordered and we have over 3000 bags of softener salt to deliver! This is great news! Now we need some willing hands to haul that salt on Saturday, **April 22**! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BADAA28A4FE3-bridge3> or contact Emily Kramer (evanderhart@yahoo.com) and she can add you to the sign up. Thanks!

Congregational Meeting

We hope you join us for a congregational meeting on Tuesday, **April 25** at 7:00 PM to discuss reroofing the church, refreshing the sanctuary, addressing lighting needs, and updates for the sound system. You will be receiving more information prior to the meeting. There will be a vote for moving forward with the plans. Mark your calendars!

Save the Date: Intergenerational Fellowship

We invite you to an evening of fellowship and gaming on Friday, **April 28**, 6:00 PM at the Dordt Gaming Guild Bunker. Watch for more information to come. Questions? Talk to Pastor Joel!

Save the Date!

The SWAP Meet returns to Covenant on Saturday, **May 13**. At 8:00 AM bring to the church parking lot anything you would sell at a yard sale (except clothes). At 9:00 AM, come and take FOR FREE anything you can use. It's also a good place to share perennials and garden starters. This event is for Covenant members, Dordt student attendees, and the church neighborhood.

Cadet Fundraiser

Grilling season is close! The Cadets have leftover grill wood pellets from this year's fundraiser. Bags are \$10 each and if you are interested, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).

Welcoming the Immigrant and Refugee: A Journey to Friendship

Come hear Emilia Marroquin talk about her immigration story as she moved from El Salvador to California to Storm Lake. Emilia will discuss practical ways Northwest Iowa can be a place of welcome for all people. We will also hear a panel discussion from leaders in Sioux Center about ways we can break down barriers and build friendships across cultural differences. Join us for this important conversation about immigration, refugees, and Northwest Iowa on **April 20**, 6:30-9:00 PM at Maria Magdalena Reformed Church (305 N. Main Sioux Center) This event will be bilingual (Spanish and English) and there will be free food! For more information and to RSVP click [here](#).

A Taste of African Food!

Calvary CRC and Dr. Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou are excited to invite you to an evening of fellowship and African food at Calvary CRC in Orange City on **April 21** between the hours of 5-7 PM! On the menu: "Yassa poulet," a traditional chicken, sauteed onion, and rice dish from West Africa! We will also serve salad, pulled pork buns, African ginger juice, and dessert (African fritters)! Freewill donations will be collected to support the work of the Teacher's Garden, a Guinea-based Christian education resource center that trains, coaches, and mentors teachers through the ministries of Sosthene and Kara in Africa.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

Last week's offering General Fund \$6,897.50 Christian Education Fund \$3,647.50

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, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. 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: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' March newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's April prayer requests are [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 23
Greeters	AM: Pam DJ, Joan MC, Lee R	
Ushers	AM: Jan B, Mark T, Stan VB	
Coffee	Rob H, Shirley M, Dave S, Kris VP, Kurt V	
Subs	Donna B, Lisa C, Rin G, Sarah Ha, Kristi H, Joni V	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Terry F	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Tricia K	AM: James & Courtney R, Daryl & Deb H

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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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, 16th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, & Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	12:00 PM	DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Formation: Ethiopia Presentation
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group

Sunday, 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, & Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Stiemsma/Clark Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study