

**SUNDAY, April 23, 2023**

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## **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 23**, we continue our celebration of the risen Christ in this season of Eastertide! Pastor Joel will begin a series working through the lectionary passages from I Peter. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Vespers**

This Sunday evening, 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

Today, **April 23**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** 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 30**, the **Rhoda/Sybesma** pastoral group will meet to close out this season of dinners.

### **Courier Reminder**

I'll be working on the Courier this week! Do have something you'd like to include? Send it to the office by Monday, **April 24!**

### **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!

### **Game Night**

We invite you to an evening of fellowship and gaming on Friday, **April 28**, 6:00 PM at the Dordt Gaming Guild Bunker in Kuyper Apartments. This is a joint event with the Good Shepherd congregation. We plan to order pizza to share as part of this fellowship gathering, so please sign up online here: <https://forms.gle/VHtoaw56XrYGwfG28> or at the welcome table if you plan to attend. Questions? (Or want to request your favorite kind of pizza?) 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, 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 neighborhood.

### **Mendelssohn, Songs, & Psalms**

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College's Heritage Singers, will be presenting a varied program of psalms, hymn, and sacred songs by Mendelssohn, Schütz, Thomson, Handel, and Duruflé on Saturday, **April 29** at 7:30 PM in B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. With guest conductor Michael Pekel, chamber orchestra, and soprano soloist Shannon Salyards, the choirs will bring vibrant settings of Psalms 90, 100, and 42, along with enduring favorites like Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and Duruflé's "Ubi caritas." Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 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 (Covenant choir members are Cal J, Tammy L, Sara P, Phil P, Stan VB, Dennis VP).

### **Bible League Salad Luncheon**

You are invited to the Bible League Ambassadors Salad Luncheon on **May 1**, 11:30 AM, at First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids. Please bring one salad for every two people. The speaker will be Marie Hofmeyer, owner of Holland House and Jade & Co. in Orange City. She has a degree in Interior Design from the University of Northern Iowa. She will give a demonstration on creating home decorations from objects found in the Legacy Thrift (formerly Bibles for Missions) stores in Orange City and Worthington. Come and enjoy good food and be inspired to redecorate your home.

### **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 2**. Speaker Kathy De Jong: Living with Schizoaffective Disorder. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenton.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$2,247.03                      Christian Education Fund                      \$1,378.00

## 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, 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 30
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	Doug DB ♦ Tom C	Dennis DJ ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: James & Courtney R, Daryl & Deb H	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, Laremy & Rebecca DV

## 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*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	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)
<b>Monday</b>	6:45 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Full Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Congregational Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 PM	Game Night (at Dordt)
<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, & Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Rhoda/Sybesma Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)