

SUNDAY, April 30, 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 30**, we continue our celebration of the risen Christ in this season of Eastertide! Pastor Joel will continue 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. This evening's service will also include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today, **April 30**, the Rhoda/Sybesma pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! This is the last pastoral group dinner of this season.

May Courier

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

Cadet End of the Year Party

The Cadets will have their end of the year party on Wednesday, **May 3**. We will start the evening at 6:30 PM at Faith CRC and all parents and siblings are invited to join us. Weather permitting, we will roast hot dogs outside and we will also have some pulled pork sandwiches, beans, chips and other goodies. At 7:00 PM we will do our opening exercises and then hand out the badges and points the boys have earned through the year and hold an auction for the boys to spend their points on a variety of items ranging from basketballs to fishing poles.

Church Clean Up Day

We invite all who are able at Covenant to join in a church spring cleaning day on Saturday, **May 6** beginning at 9:00 AM. Each pastoral group will be assigned an area (watch for an email from your deacon!) and we'll enjoy working together to get some deep cleaning done! Oh, and there will be snacks! Join us!

From the Council

After the morning service on **May 7**, the congregation will be voting for new office bearers. Members will be asked to affirm some, any, or all the nominees for Elder and Deacon. The names of all the nominees receiving approval of 2/3 of those voting will be eligible to be drawn on Sunday, **May 14**. On that Sunday, we will draw the names of three Elders and three Deacons who will serve on Council for the next three years. Thank you to everyone who was willing to allow their name to stand for nomination. The nominations for Elder are Dallas Apol, Nick Breems, Mark Christians, Doug DeBoer, Bob DeSmith, Chris Goedhart, Jeremy Hummel, Cal Jongsma, Andy Landman, Merrill McCarthy, Dennis Vander Plaats, Channon Visscher, and John Zwart. The nominees for Deacon are Nick Breems, Lisa Christians, Rob Haan, Mark Horstman, Jeremy Hummel, Kristi Hummel, Merrill McCarthy, Lee Mellema, Micah Moss, Josh Van Schouwen, Channon Visscher, and Sharon Vos. See information about the updated process in the April Courier [here](#) and contact Duane Bajema or Ethan Brue if you have any other questions about the voting process!

Covenant Swap Meet

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.

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 and 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.

Praise & Worship Night

The Unity praise team is hosting a praise and worship night on Tuesday, **May 2** at 7:00 PM at Unity. All are welcome!

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).

ATLAS Auction

The annual ATLAS Auction is on Friday, **May 5** at New Life Church. Smoked pork loin sandwiches will be served from 5:30-6:30 PM and the live and silent auction will begin at 6:30 PM.

Dordt Music Events

The Music department invites you to two end of the year concerts. Both are at 7:30 PM in the BJ Haan Auditorium and will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

- On Friday, **May 5** the Dordt Music Department will present the Spring Choral Ensembles Concert. The music for this concert will explore the narrative arch of Creation, Fall, Redemption, Consummation, and the dichotomy between our earthly and heavenly homes. Music will range in style from spirituals and music based on Appalachian shape note singing to music from the cathedrals of Europe. A feature of the concert will be Arvo Part's rarely performed *Credo*

for choir, orchestra, and piano. The concert will close with Eriks Esenvalds' triumphant "Trinity" *Te Deum* for choir, brass, percussion, and organ. As part of this concert, we will be honoring MaryLou Wielenga for her 45 years of faithful service to Dordt University through music. MaryLou will offer a prelude and offertory during the concert, and all are invited to a reception honoring her retirement following the choral concert in the lobby.

- On Saturday, **May 6** the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles will give their final concert of the semester, opening with Campus-Community Band performing *Fanfare Prelude on God of our Fathers*, followed by Ralph Vaughan-Williams's *English Folk Song Suite*. The Chamber Orchestra will feature a new composition by Dordt music major Aaron Galloway entitled *Divertimento*. In addition, the orchestra will perform the first movement of Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*. Closing the concert, the Wind Symphony will feature senior pianist Anna Rediger on John Barnes Chance's *Introduction and Capriccio*, in addition to music by Bryant and Sorah, then closing the concert with John Mackey's masterpiece *The Frozen Cathedral* which features antiphonal percussion to include an instrument not seen often called the waterphone.

Vacation Bible School

Stellar VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 17-20**. We need many volunteers for VBS! The sign-up link for volunteers will open **May 1** and can be found at www.bethelcsc.org or on Bethel's Facebook and Instagram pages. Registration for attendees will open **May 15**.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Netherlands Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering General Fund \$3,851.21 Christian Education Fund \$2,481.67

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' April 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.

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| Greeters | AM: Pam DJ, Joan MC, Lee R | AM: Natalie B, Tim K, Ryan Z |
| Ushers | AM: Jan B, Mark T, Stan VB | AM: Dan A, Paul C, Verlyn DW |
| Coffee | Rob H, Shirley M, Dave S, Kris VP, Kurt V | Marge DB, Rebecca DS, Mark H, Dennis VP, Marty VP |
| Subs | Donna B, Lisa C, Rin G, Sarah Ha, Kristi H, Joni V | Wil A, Dennis DJ, Deb H, Rock MC, Sherri TN, Del VZ |
| Sound/Projection | Andy Landman + Jason W | Nick B + Rebecca DV |
| Nursery | AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, Laremy & Rebecca DV | AM: John & Linda V, Ethan & Donna B |

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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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

Jacob Van Tol, Julian Addink, Adria DeKruyf

New Address

Marilyn Mouw moved to a new room at Crown Pointe. She's now in Willow Room 1216. Please update your directory with this information. And Marilyn appreciates guests and brief outings, so stop by!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday, 30th | 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) |
| Tuesday | 7:00 PM | SAM Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group |
| | 6:30 PM | Cadet End of the Year Cookout (at Faith CRC) |
| | 7:00 PM | Youth Group |
| Thursday | 7:30 PM | Colossian Forum |
| Saturday | 9:00 AM | Church Clean-Up Day |
| Sunday, 7th | 9:00 AM | Sunday School, Catechism, & Covenant Sunday Morning |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) |
| | 7:15 PM | Sunday Evening Bible Study |