

SUNDAY, May 7, 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, **May 7**, 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. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School....

Today, **May 7** is the last day of Sunday School, Catechism and Covenant Sunday Morning! All church education classes will take a break till fall. Thanks to all the teachers and helpers for sharing their time and gifts this year.

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 is coming to Covenant on Saturday, **May 13!** At 8:00 AM bring your yard-sale-ish donations to the church parking lot – from furniture, sports equipment, toys, tools to home decor, books, perennials – everything presentable and in good working order (but no clothes). Dordt students: If you wish to donate before you leave campus, you may bring items at a time that works for you to the church's northeast entry and place them in designated totes. From 9:00 to 11:30 AM, come and take what you can use! Bring your own coffee and mill around with our church community and our church neighbors. What's left will go to 2nd Chance Depot or Melissa's Hope Chest. In case of rain, the event will be cancelled. Questions? Contact Jeri Schelhaas (712-441 0394).

Spring Offering of Thanks

The Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes have been placed in your church mailboxes. We invite you to use this offering opportunity as a way to donate to causes not included in our church budget. We would like to collect the envelopes by **May 21**. Please place them in the collection boxes or mail them to church. Extra envelopes are on the back table.

Baby Shower!

Let's celebrate the birth of Gavin William Ver Steeg! We invite you to bring gifts to the basket on the table in the fellowship hall. After the baptism service on **May 28**, Daniel, Erika, and Gavin will greet parishioners at the back of the sanctuary. The Ver Steegs will bring the gifts home so they can open them with their family. You are welcome to bring gift cards or money to the church office as well. Let's welcome this new baby to our Covenant family!

Habitat for Humanity Adopt a Stud

Following up on the Habitat for Humanity presentation last Sunday, if you are interested in decorating a stud as an individual or family for the Habitat home in Sioux Center, we are asking for a \$100 donation for each stud. We will hopefully be framing the home by the end of May, so if you are interested, e-mail Steve Crull (spcrull@mtcnet.net) to arrange a delivery.

Ascension Day Service

First CRC of Sioux Center invites you to an Ascension Day service of worship on Thursday, **May 18** at 7:00 PM. Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we worship our risen and ascended King!

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 opens **May 1** and can be found at www.bethelcsc.org. Registration for attendees will open **May 15**.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

Last week's offering General Fund \$6,143.50 Christian Education Fund \$2,135.14

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 May 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, May 14
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Tim K, Ryan Z	
Ushers	AM: Dan A, Paul C, Verlyn DW	
Coffee	Marge DB, Rebecca DS, Mark H, Dennis VP, Marty VP	
Subs	Wil A, Dennis DJ, Deb H, Rock MC, Sherri TN, Del VZ	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Rebecca DV	Andy L ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: John & Linda V, Ethan & Donna B	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Laura J

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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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

Lisa Christians, Len Rhoda, Eden DeKruyf, Matt Jewett, Ella Visscher

Happy Anniversary this Week

Eldon & Marcia Westra, John & Becky Stevenson, Rob & Megan Haan

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Saturday	9:00 AM	Covenant Swap Meet
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