

**SUNDAY, March 31, 2024**

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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**

We rejoice in Christ's resurrection on this Easter Sunday! Pastor Joel will preach from the [Lectionary](#) gospel reading in Mark this morning and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, passing the elements through the rows. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Vespers**

We won't gather for our usual Vespers on this Easter Sunday, but Pastor Joel will lead a prayer gathering at 6:00 PM.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Education Schedule**

There will be no church education classes today, **March 31**. Classes will resume on **April 7**.

### **April Courier**

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

### **Salt Sale Delivery Time!**

The softener salt is ordered and once again we have over 2000 bags to deliver! Now we need willing hands to haul all that salt on Saturday, **April 6!** We also need refreshments for our workers, so if you aren't able to do the physical labor you can serve in that way! Please sign up [here](#) or contact Emily Kramer directly at [evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com) and I can add you to the sign up. Thanks!



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

We'll take a break from pastoral group dinners this Sunday for Easter, and on Sunday, **April 7**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will gather to enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM in the Covenant fellowship hall. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

We hope you can attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Friday night, **April 26** at 6:00 PM. Please sign up by filling out this [form](#). The cost is \$20 per person (18+). Payment will be collected the night of the dinner. Please contact the office (722-4465, [covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) if you are having any difficulties signing up or if you would like to make it possible for others to attend by paying for their dinner. Because this is a catered dinner, please sign up by **April 7**.

### **Council Nominees**

The Council approved nominees for elder and deacon and we will vote to approve these names on **April 14**. This year we will choose 2 new deacons to replace Ruth Clark and Dane Hibma who will complete their term, and a deacon to finish Kristi Hummel's term, as she is resigning for personal reasons. The deacon nominees are Deb DeJong, Rob Haan, Mark Horstman, Dave Kramer, Erika Ver Steeg, and Val Zonnefeld. We will choose 3 new elders to replace Duane Bajema, Jeri Schelhaas, and Trena Van Wyk who will be completing their term. The elder nominees are Bob De Smith, Rebecca De Smith, Brad Hickey, Tammy Lief, Mark McCarthy, and Val Zonnefeld. Thanks to all who were willing to let their name stand.

### **Service Opportunities**

- Please consider joining the Christian Education Committee! We need 2-3 new members to help coordinate our fundraisers! We are also in need of a new chair for next year. Contact Emily Kramer at [evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com) with any questions or if you can see yourself being a part of a fun and exciting committee!
- The Senior Needs Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with a valet service before Sunday morning worship at SCCS. If you're willing to help, please [sign up here](#) or contact the office.

### **Covenant Email List**

Do you worship regularly at Covenant and want to be added to our church email list to get all the news and updates? Email the church office and we'll add you! ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net))

### **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, **April 2**. Video: "Dr Xavier Amador: How to Help Someone with Mental Illness"

Accept Treatment.” Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

### Community Choir Evening of Worship

Join the Dordt Music Department for a Community Choir Evening of Worship on Thursday, **April 11**, at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This event will be a time of worship through choral music, Scripture readings, litanies, meditations, and other musical reflections. A combined Community Choir will sing four choral pieces composed or arranged by guest composer-in-residence Dan Forrest. The Dordt choirs will join the Community Choir for two of those pieces as well as sing a few other Dan Forrest works on their own.

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

### Last week’s offering

General Fund: \$14,387.26

Christian Education Fund: \$1,070.00

### 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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks’ latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous’ latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry’s March 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 7
Greeters	AM: Alejandro C, Lisa C, Verlyn DW	AM: Isabel C, Dave S, Marv W
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Jan B, Jeff T	AM: Rebecca DS, Joan MC, Kurt V
Coffee		Jenni B, Rin G, Jason H, Andy L, Ron O
Subs	Doug DB, Cheri H, Tricia K, Les S, Lois VZ, Channon V	Pat C, Rob H, Mark H, Lee R, Beth VB, Sharon V
Sound/Projection	Andy L + Marty VP	Nick B + ??
Nursery	AM: Rob & Megan H, Duane & Jan B	AM: John & Linda V, Steve & Pat C

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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

*Brandon Hummel, Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats, Rebecca DeVries, John Visser*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Brian & Barb Mellema*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Easter Morning Worship Evening Prayer Gathering
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery) Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Salt Sale Delivery
<b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Stiemsma/Clark Pastoral Group Dinner Vespers with Unity Knightsounds