

**SUNDAY, April 7, 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**

During this season of Eastertide, Pastor Joel will be leading us through the book of Ephesians. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Vespers**

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening, we will also welcome the Unity Knightsounds (including Corrie, Elia, and Benjamin!) who will share their music with us.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

Today, **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! Next Sunday, **April 14**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will gather for a meal.

### **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 Sunday, **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. If you need an absentee ballot, contact the church office.

### **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))

### **NISO Spring Concert**

NISO's Spring Concert is on Tuesday, **April 9** at 7:30 PM in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt University's campus. This performance includes not only two enchanting pieces of music, *Russian Easter Overture* by Rimsky-Korsakov and *Serenade for Strings* by Elgar, but also *Symphony for Organ and Orchestra* by Copland, featuring Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets are available at the door or [online](#) –\$20/adults, \$6/students (buy one get one free).

### **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 Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy Shop Church congregation and the ministry of Pastor Deb Rensink.

### Last week's offering

General Fund: \$3,665.00

Christian Education Fund: \$179.92

### 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 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 14
Greeters	AM: Isabel C, Dave S, Marv W	
Ushers	AM: Rebecca DS, Joan MC, Kurt V	
Coffee	Jenni B, Rin G, Jason H, Andy L, Ron O	
Subs	Pat C, Rob H, Mark H, Lee R, Beth VB, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Rebecca DV	Jeff P ♦ ??
Nursery	AM: John & Linda V, Steve & Pat C	AM: Dave & Emily K, Nick & Jenni B

### 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

*Megan Haan, Sam Eppinga, Isla Jewett, Sharon Dykhuizen, Sara Eppinga, Gavin Ver Steeg*

### Thank You!

It's been eight weeks since Pam's open heart surgery, and "thank-you" seems too small a word to express our gratitude for all the prayers, notes, calls, food, and visits from our church family that have supported us and made this journey much easier than it might have been. We are truly grateful for each of you, and so blessed to be part of this Covenant fellowship.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</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 with Unity Knightsounds
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Van Wyk/Van Tol Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers