

SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

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 take time to share our joys and concerns and offer those to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today, **April 14**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will gather to enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 21**, the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group will gather for a meal.

Council Nominees

The Council approved nominees for elder and deacon and we will vote today, **April 14**, immediately following our morning service to approve these names. 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.

GEMS End of the Year Party

Northstar GEMS will have their end of the year party on Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM. Come for a night of swimming, snacks, and our 8th grade farewell! Girls can be dropped off and picked up from the All Seasons Center.

50th Anniversary Intergenerational Orchestra

We would like to put together an intergenerational orchestra to play during our 50th Anniversary worship service on Sunday, **April 28**. All strings players from 5th grade-adult are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be at 4:00 PM Sunday, **April 21**, and 8:45 AM on Sunday, **April 28**. Please email Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com) if you plan to participate. You can contact Jill Friend if you have any questions: jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com.

Request for Bricks!

Were you a part of the great brick washing and moving 25 years ago at our last sanctuary remodel? Did you get to take one home? If you did, look closely at the brick and you will see that it says "Return in 2024." It also quotes Ephesians 4:12: "to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." On **May 5**, Pastor Joel will be preaching on this passage and we would love to have your bricks returned and displayed on that Sunday. Can you help us out?

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who bought softener salt, helped deliver salt, brought refreshments, and kept us in your prayers on April 6, salt delivery day! We were able to safely deliver 2,422 bags of salt with our friends from Bridge of Hope CRC. A special thanks to Lee Mellema, Steve Crull, Jason Wyenberg, and Dane Hibma for driving trucks and trailers that day, and to all our volunteers who do the heavy lifting of the salt bags. We appreciated seeing so many young people come out to help! Covenant's share of the profits is roughly \$3000, which will go toward meeting our Christian Education commitments.

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)

Organ Recital

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Dutch organist Willem van Twillert in a solo organ recital on Saturday, **April 20**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Van Twillert is an organist, composer, improviser, and

teacher. He has published a large number of psalm and choral arrangements and has received international awards for many of them. This is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated organists to Dordt.

Mozart Requiem

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College’s A Cappella Choir, will be presenting Mozart’s *Requiem!* Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm, and featuring orchestra and professional soloists, the concert is on Saturday, **April 27** at 7:30 PM in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Dordt music office, Evie’s Hallmark, or from a Covenant oratorio singer (Cal Jongsma, Tammy Lief, Sara & Ben Ploegstra, Amanda Vande Brake, Dennis Vander Plaats).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Last week’s offering

General Fund: \$5,423.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,283.00

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 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 21
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	Doug DB ♦ Jason W	Jeff P ♦ James R
Nursery	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Donna & Ethan B	AM: Dave & Emily K, Tricia K

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
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Justin Bailey, Eli Horstman, Dylan Kramer, Rose Postma, Jackson Visscher

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 14th	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
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS (All Seasons Center)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women’s Book Study
Sunday, 21st	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Christians/Van Schouwen Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study