

**SUNDAY, April 6, 2025**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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**

Welcome to worship this Sunday! During this season of Lent, we will remember together that our Savior Jesus Christ shows us the ultimate example of service in his life and death, and we seek to follow his example as we go out each week to serve. Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching this morning, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **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 share our joys and concerns.

### **Holy Week Worship**

To remember the events of Holy Week, we will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday, **April 17**, at 7:00 PM and on Good Friday, **April 18**, at 12:00 PM. And we look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection on Sunday, **April 20**.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

This Sunday, **April 6**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 13**, the **DeSmith/Van Tol** pastoral group will gather.

### **From the Justice & Mercy Committee:**

We are partnering with the National Immigration Forum to host a Civics English class, designed to help aspiring citizens learn U.S. history, government, and English in preparation for the citizenship exam, and to build trust and stronger relationships with our immigrant neighbors who are seeking citizenship. More information can be found in the [April Courier](#), and there are a variety of ways for you to join us in this work! Classes begin on Monday, **April 7**! If you would like to help, please see [this signup sheet](#) or contact Dani Wyenberg or Joya Breems.

### **Resurrections Gardens Are Back!**



Please consider joining us Sunday, **April 13**, at 6:00 PM to assemble and plant a Resurrection Garden. Each family will get to bring a garden home to water throughout Holy Week as we anticipate our Easter celebration of new life in Christ. And you don't need to have small children at home to attend or enjoy this – all ages are welcome! Our gathering will include a brief time of scripture and singing (and snacking too). Please sign up if you are attending so we have enough materials. <https://forms.gle/tMaRJfgP5P5S1mgo6>. There is also a signup sheet on the welcome table.

### **From the Council:**

The Council approved nominees for elder and deacon and we will vote to approve these names on **April 27** following our morning service. This year we will choose 3 deacons and 2 elders to serve a three-year term. The deacon nominees are Faby Addink, Kyle Dieleman, Avonda Fessler, Derek Friend, Andy Landman, Merrill McCarthy, Micah Schreurs, Atul Shinde, Dennis Vander Plaats, Jake Van Wyk, Channon Visscher, Joni Visscher, and Kurt Vos. The elder nominees are Doug De Boer, Laremy De Vries, Kyle Dieleman, Sanneke Kok, Andy Landman, Tammy Lief, Micah Schreurs, Dennis Vander Plaats, Channon Visscher, Joni Visscher, Kurt Vos, Laurey Zwart. Thanks to all who were willing to let their name stand. If you need an absentee ballot, please contact the church office.

### **Dordt Lectures Open to the Public**

- On Monday, **April 7** from 11:10-12:00 PM, the Dordt theology department is hosting distinguished theologian Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer, who will give a lecture that is open to the campus and community (SB1606). The lecture, which is given in celebration of 60+ faculty and staff reading Calvin's *Institutes* this year, is titled "Re-instituting Calvin: 16th century Reformed Reminders for Ill-formed 21st century Theology." Dr. Vanhoozer (Ph.D., Cambridge University) is Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is the author of twelve books. He met his wife Sylvie while serving as a missionary in France, and together they have two adult daughters, one son-in-law, and fourteen PhD students. He is an amateur classical pianist and serious reader, and finds that music and literature help him integrate academic theology, imagination, and spiritual formation.
- Dordt University invites you to join us to hear from Dr. Abram Bicksler, the President and CEO of ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization), on Monday, **April 14** at 7 PM in Science Building (SB1606). Dr. Bicksler will discuss ECHO's global missions work and its unique network of thousands of agricultural workers and organizations to reduce hunger and improve lives in over 190 countries. Learn about trends affecting the world, Biblical wholism, and how God is at work through his people and church in agriculture development and creation care, impacting lives globally. For questions or more information, please contact Helen Zeutenhorst at [helen.zeutenhorst@dordt.edu](mailto:helen.zeutenhorst@dordt.edu).

### **Love INC Spring Share Event**

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our Spring Share Event on **April 11** at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Doors will open at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served starting at 6:15 PM. Ted Cunningham, comedian, speaker, pastor, and author, from Branson, MO will be our entertainment, so come ready for a fun evening of great food and laughter! Tickets to the event can be purchased for \$75 or get a group of eight people together and reserve a full table for \$560. Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office (712-476-5990) or online at [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org).

### **Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra performs Brahms Requiem**

NISO invites you to join them for a special performance of the Brahms Requiem for orchestra, choir, and soloists on Tuesday, **April 15** at 7:30 PM in the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. Featured on this concert will be the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, Dordt University Concert Choir, Shannon Salyards-Burton (soprano), Mitchell Widmer

(baritone), and guest conductor Dr. Ryan Smit. General admission tickets can be purchased at the door or online at [www.nisoiowa.org](http://www.nisoiowa.org)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

Last week’s offering    General Fund: \$5,400.47    Christian Education Fund: \$410.75    Building Fund: \$395.00

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 13
Greeters	AM: Ethan B, Merrill MC, Jason VB	
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Pat C, Andy L	
Coffee	Jenni B, Isabel C, Mary D, Shirley M, Rock MC	
Subs	Len R, Dave S, Les S, Beth VB, Channon V, Sharon V	
Valet Parking	Marcy H	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Tom C	Nick B ♦ James R
Nursery	AM: Steve & Pat C, James & Courtney R	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Nick & Jenni B

Encouraging our Missionaries

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


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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

John Visser, Megan Haan, Sam Eppinga, Isla Jewett, Sharon Dykhuizen, Sara Eppinga

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Cadets/GEMS (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women’s Book Study
	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
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