

SUNDAY, April 13, 2025

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. Today is also Palm Sunday, so we will remember together Christ's entry into Jerusalem filled with waving palms and shouts of "Hosanna!" while also remembering that those shouts of praise would soon turn to calls for his crucifixion. This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening at 6:00 PM we plan to gather 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). If you missed the sign-up deadline but would still like to attend, contact Rebecca DeVries (712-578-9475).

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 together on Sunday morning, **April 20** at 10:00 AM. There will not be an evening service on Easter Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **April 13**, the **DeSmith/Van Tol** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday we'll take a break for Easter, and on Sunday, **April 27**, the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group will gather.

Church Education Schedule

There will be no church education classes on Easter Sunday, **April 20**. Classes will resume on **April 27**.

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.

FOSSIL Gathering

If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to join the F.O.S.S.I.L. group for food (soup & bread) and fellowship in the fellowship hall from 5:30-7:00 PM on Monday, **April 28**. Please RSVP to Pat Crull (spcrull@mtcnet.net) if you plan to attend.

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! If you would like to help, please see [this signup sheet](#) or contact Dani Wyenberg or Joya Breems.

Dordt Speaker Event Postponed

Dr. Abram Bicksler's talk on Monday, **April 14** has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We look forward to rescheduling in the fall and will send out an announcement once the date has been confirmed.

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.nisoiaowa.org

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson and Carlos Perez.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$4,950.00 Christian Education Fund: \$722.00 Building Fund: \$3,338.00

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	MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17	NEXT SUNDAY, April 20
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	Nick B ♦ James R	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ John S
Nursery	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Nick & Jenni B	AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Mark & Lisa C	AM: Ethan & Donna B, Andy & Rachel L

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

Gavin Ver Steeg, Justin Bailey, Eli Horstman, Dylan Kramer, Rose Postma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	DeSmith/Van Tol Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Resurrection Gardens Gathering
Monday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	12:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship