

SUNDAY, April 20, 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! As we celebrate Easter today, we rejoice together in the good news of Christ's resurrection and the new life this brings to all of us. This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together by passing the elements through the rows. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

There will not be an evening service at Covenant today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids Leading Us in Song

All TK-8th graders are invited to help lead the song "Holy Forever" during our Easter morning service. This is a theme song at SCCS this year. The song will be sung after communion and kids will be invited to the front as the song begins. They can stand on the steps and read the music off the screen in the back of the sanctuary. We hope many will help us sing this "song of ages to the Lamb!"

May Courier

Do you have something to include in the May Courier? Send it to the office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **April 21!**

Cadets End-of-the-Year Picnic

The Cadets end-of-the-year picnic and auction will take place on Wednesday, **April 23** at Faith CRC. A meal will start at 6:15 PM and the auction will start at 7 PM. All current cadets and their families are invited and we also invite current 3rd grade boys and their parents to attend.

Church Education Schedule

There will be no church education classes today, **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.



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday we'll take a break for Easter, and on Sunday, **April 27**, we will have our final pastoral group dinner of the spring season with the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Women's Gathering

On **May 1** at 1:30 PM all Covenant women are invited to come to the church parking lot. We will then split up into cars and head for Big Red Barn Goat Milk Soaps farm near Hospers. We plan to watch the milking and a soap-making demo. There will be lotions and soaps for you to purchase. Questions? Call Rin (712-422-0404).

Covenant Swap Meet

The Missions and Outreach Committee would like you to save Saturday, **May 3** on your calendar for the exciting and much anticipated Swap Meet. Bring your no longer wanted or needed treasures to church between 8 and 9 AM on Saturday morning and go home with someone else's. Thing to bring: Household goods, furniture, linens, kitchen gizmos, lawn tools, old tools, sporting goods, toys, puzzles, books. Things not to bring: clothing, broken items, garbage. We will again invite other local congregations to join us. Volunteers for helping to set up at 8:00 and to take down tables at noon are appreciated.

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. 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.

4th Avenue Jazz Concert

Join us for a relaxing evening of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, **April 26** at 7:00 PM. Music from the Singers will include classic jazz standards like "All of Me" and "Moon River"; newer tunes like "Fly Away Birdie" and "Green Lights"; and a great new jazz arrangement of the Beatles tune "I Will." The 4th Ave Band will bring the sounds of Glenn Miller and a standard from the rock genre, "Watermelon Man," alongside other big band favorites like "88 Basie Street."

ATLAS/CFE Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

If you haven't marked your calendars, please mark them for Friday, **May 2!** It is our Annual ATLAS/CFE Dinner & Auction Fundraiser! We'd love to have you join us!! Freewill donation supper begins at 5:30 PM, with the auction beginning at 6:30.

Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon

Ladies, we invite you to attend the Bible League’s Spring Salad Luncheon on Monday, **May 5** at Rock Valley First CRC (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book “Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David’s Harem”. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this event!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Christ the King congregation and the ministry of Father Mauro Sanchez.

Last week’s offering General Fund: \$2,495.00 Christian Education Fund: \$150.00 Building Fund: \$2,230.00

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 27
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	Doug DB ♦ John S	Will B ♦ Ryan Z
Nursery	AM: Ethan & Donna B, Andy & Rachel L	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Laura J

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@acsi.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crnapartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Jackson Visscher, Nathan Maletoungou, Stella Ribbens, Eden Hawley, Alejandro Castelan

Happy Anniversary this Week
Ramiro & Gaby Rangel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:15 PM	Cadets End-of-the-Year Picnic (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women’s Book Study
	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Sunday, 27th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Christians/Van Schouwen Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Communion Vespers