

**SUNDAY, February 28, 2021**

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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 (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

### **Worship on Sunday Morning**

This Sunday, **February 28**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 4 (Brue/Vos), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshipping online via Facebook Live. For those worshipping in the building, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask, especially if you plan to sing**. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). Pastor Joel is preaching from the [lectionary](#) during this season of Lent, focusing on the Old Testament passages and the covenants God makes with his people. We will gather at the Lord's Table each Sunday during this season.

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday evening at 5:00 PM, we will devote one more gathering (for now) to the Psalms. We will offer time for participants both to read a favorite Psalm with some words of how it blesses and also to read a Psalm of one's own composition. Participants may do either, or they may listen. We will also join in some singing of Psalms. Everyone is invited.

### **Welcoming Guests to Covenant**

While we are limiting in-building worship to three pastoral groups at this time, we wanted to remind you that you are still welcome to invite guests and those looking for a church home to visit Covenant on any Sunday.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bill Loeffke.

### **Courier**

The March Courier is in your mailboxes and can be found [here](#).

### **Salt Sale Fundraiser**

Please check your mailbox for an order sheet for the Bridge of Hope/Covenant Salt Sale! These order forms will be due back at church or the Trip office at SCCS by **March 14!** You can also give them directly to Emily Kramer. When collecting salt orders remember that payment is due up front at the time of ordering. Also watch for a link to a sign up to volunteer to help deliver salt on **April 10!** You can also find the order form [here](#) and the salt sale instructions [here](#).

### **Lenten Compline Services**

Join us each Thursday night during the season of Lent at 7:00 PM for a Service of Night Prayer, or Compline. These half hour services will use liturgies from the *Book of Common Prayer* that include prayers, psalms, silence, and songs and will act as a way to gather up the events and cares of our days in prayer. Join in person or via Livestream.

### **Lenten Kindness Tree**

During Lent, we invite you to help our tree sprout new leaves of kindness. Look for acts of kindness in your life during the week: things you have done or said, things you hope to do, or the kind actions of others. Write those acts of kindness on paper leaves and attach them to the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Each week, our tree will gain leaves as we grow through acts of kindness. If you are worshipping from home, you can drop your leaves off during the week or contact the office for assistance. We plan to include pictures of the kindness tree in our weekly worship so that everyone can see it grow.

### **Opportunities for Lenten Prayer and Reflection**

- *A Lenten Path* Reflections: Created by Covenant member Anna Westfall, this booklet exists as a companion to the season of Lent. Copies of *A Lenten Path* are available on the welcome table and in the NE entrance to church. And physical stations will be set up weekly in the old SW fellowship hall for you to pause at when you wish.
- A Lenten Loom: Pray with your hands. In the old SW fellowship hall you will find a large loom and a variety of fabrics and yarn. As you weave, project your prayers onto the fabric. As the season progresses and as we collaborate on this project, we will have a visual representation of our conversations with God and also be reminded that just as these fabrics are weaved together, so too are our lives and longings knit together in God.

## Easter Bell Choir

We are once again putting a handbell choir together for Easter Sunday, **April 4**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rebecca De Vries. We are looking for folks high school and up. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:15 AM. (March 6, 13, 20, 27).

## A Giving Opportunity:

In response to our community's need, we are collecting items for Mid-Sioux and the Hope Food Pantry. During the month of **February**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate spaghetti sauce and pasta. You can bring them to church anytime during the month. Please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for showing love to others in this way!

## At-home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Cornel West said, "Justice is what love looks like in public." How might you share the love of Jesus by practicing justice in public this week in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your city? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

## Offerings for February

28 Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

## Offerings for March

7 General/Building Fund 14 Christian Education Fund  
21 Missions Fund 28 World Renew

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$1,015.00	Missions Fund	\$145.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$925.00	Building Fund	\$110.00

## Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All 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](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: We invite you to read the latest newsletter from the Ben & Tricia Groenewold-Van Dyk [here](#) and a newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church is [here](#).

## 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

*William Henreckson, Lila Janssen, Caleb Smit, Jerry Plasier, Brian Mellema, Lee Rhoda, Ben Bailey, Annika Goslinga, Mark McCarthy*

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Sharing our Psalms
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM	Lenten Compline
<b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,2,5 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Exploring The Colossian Forum

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