

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

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, **March 21**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), and 5 (Schaap/Rowe) 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.

Communion Stations

In our efforts to share the Lord's Supper communally, pastorally, and safely during this time, we are adding a few additional communion stations. We encourage those sitting in the two center sanctuary sections to come to the table at the front of the sanctuary, the west sanctuary section to go to the communion station along the wall under the stained glass windows, and those sitting in the back sections in the fellowship hall to receive communion from the table in the back. Please leave your row to the left, moving clockwise to return to your seat. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served. There will be gluten-free bread at each station. And as always, if you would prefer to have the elements brought to you, please contact an elder. You are invited to sing while you are seated.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening at 5:00 PM, we will continue to explore The Colossian Forum for healthy dialogue. This week we'll look a bit more closely at the The Colossian Forum itself.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Easter Worship Survey

Thanks to many of you who have already filled out the Easter Worship Survey. If you haven't done so yet, please fill out the survey [here](#) as soon as possible.

April Courier

I'll be working on the April Courier next week. Do you have something you'd like to include? Send it to the office by Monday, **March 22** (covenant@mtcnet.net).

Resurrection Gardens

The Formation Fellowship – the group who plans our evening gatherings – would like to invite you to join us Palm Sunday, **March 28**, at 5:00 PM to plant a Resurrection Garden. Each household will be able to plant one garden to take home, and it is our hope that as you anticipate your grass seeds sprouting and growing during Holy Week, you will also anticipate our new life in Christ which we'll celebrate on Easter. So we can plan for the event and have enough supplies available, please fill out [this form](#) to let us know you're coming!

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

Have you added a leaf to the Lenten Kindness tree yet? 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.

Opportunities for Lenten Prayer and Reflection

We welcome you to stop by and use the prayer station in the old SW fellowship hall during this season of Lent. There are devotional resources available and we invite you to pray with your hands at the Lenten loom.

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 **March**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate personal hygiene products: deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, lotion, toothpaste (a high demand item!), etc. 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 sharing with others!

Sioux Center Christian School Society Meeting

The board of trustees will be holding the annual meeting of the Sioux Center Christian School Society on Tuesday, **March 23** at 7:00 PM at First CRC in Sioux Center. If you would like a digital or printed copy of the agenda and supporting documents, please contact the school office (712-722-0777; sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com). We invite all society members to attend and look forward to sharing with you what God is doing at Sioux Center Christian School!

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents concert organist Ken Cowan in two upcoming events:

- Masterclass on “Dance Forms in the Solo Instrumental Music of Johann Sebastian Bach”: Friday, **March 26**, at 3:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.
- Organ Recital: Saturday, **March 27**, at 7:30 PM in the B. J. Haan Auditorium.

Regarded as one of North America’s finest concert organists and praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike, Ken Cowan maintains a rigorous performing schedule that takes him to major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia. His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its eighth year. The performance is free and open to the public. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

Offerings for March

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

Last week’s offering	General Fund	\$1,525.00	Missions Fund	\$150.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,711.00	Building Fund	\$175.00

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 from Mission India [here](#) and a ministry report from World Renew [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

Richard Eggebeen, Victoria Eggebeen, Mike Janssen, Tricia Van Dyk, Beth Vanden Berg, Emma Haan

Happy Anniversary this Week

Wil & Jo Alberda

Membership transfers

- Matt Drissell has transferred his membership to Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City.
- Adam, Robin, Jasper, Everett, Stetsen, and Jonas Fedders have transferred their membership to Bethel CRC in Sioux Center.
- Kate, David, William, and Emma Henreckson have transferred their membership to Trinity Reformed Church in Moscow, Idaho.
- Nate, Shawna, Kaase, Thijs, and Talja van Niejenhuis have transferred their membership to Faith CRC in Sioux Center.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 21st	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
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:00 PM	Lenten Compline
Saturday	10:00 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 28th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 3,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live)
	5:00 PM	Making Resurrection Gardens