

SUNDAY, March 6, 2022

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **March 6**, is the first Sunday of Lent. We are *remembering* this Lent – and this Sunday we remember that "God is with us" as we read about Jesus' temptation and testing in the wilderness. We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **March 6**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. During our Vespers services this Lent we will hear testimonies from fellow Covenant members. This Sunday Laremy De Vries will tell stories from his life that can help us remember that God is with us. As the weeks go by, we will see the pile of rocks in the front of the sanctuary get larger as more members tell stories of God's presence, faithfulness, forgiveness, generosity, and more. Services will last approximately 45 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Memorization for Lent

During Lent, you are invited to join in the discipline of scripture memorization. We will memorize Psalm 103 together. Read it daily at home and recite it with us after communion each week. Let's hide God's word in our hearts. For **March 13**, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:6-8.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Our spring Pastoral Group Dinners will begin next Sunday, **March 13**, with the **Friend/Hibma** group gathering for lunch and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Refugee Resettlement Updates

Are you able to assist in getting the house ready for the refugee family that will be arriving soon? If you're able to help clean on Wednesday, **March 9**, contact John & Linda Visser (jlvisser@mtcnet.net) and if you can help with moving furniture that evening, contact Len Rhoda (rhoda@mtcnet.net). If you are able to help with final room set-up on Thursday, **March 10**, contact Sally Jongsma (jongsma@mtcnet.net).

Valet Service

Please note that going forward, the Sunday morning valet service will be offered only in the event of inclement weather. If you have questions or if you would like to request the valet service for a specific Sunday, please contact your deacon or Ross Feikema at Ross.feikema@gmail.com.

CRC Survey

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/8779 to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

Report on Human Sexuality

There are a few copies of the Synod report on Human Sexuality on the table in the fellowship hall. Feel free to sign a copy out and return it when you're finished with it. You can also read it online [here](#).

Love INC Seminar

Love INC of Sioux County invites the community to a seminar led by Ray VanderLaan, *We Are the Church: Putting God on Display in a Broken Culture* on Friday, **March 11**, 5:30-8:00 PM and Saturday, **March 12** 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. The Church in post-pandemic America is asking crucial questions: Who are we? How do we respond to a broken world? What is our mission? Join Love INC and Ray VanderLaan for this inspiring, live-stream event. To register please contact Love INC of Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or respond on our Facebook event page. Light refreshments will be provided Friday evening and a light breakfast and lunch is provided on Saturday.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: Read Isaiah 55:3,10-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. In what ways does God speak to God's people today? List as many as you can. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Jesu Cristo el Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo and Karina Gonzalez.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,229.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,200.00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, it was decided at the December congregational meeting that all cash/checks will now be used as needed unless designated. (You can read more about it [here](#) on page 6.) 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: Read the most recent newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks [here](#) as well as some specific prayer requests here. You'll find prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 13
Greeters	AM: Rebecca DS, Megan H, Marv W	
Ushers	AM: Bernie DW, Andy L, Beth VB	
Coffee	Steve C, Deb H, Carol O, Linda VH	
Subs	Pam DJ, Sharon D, Lee R, Lois VZ, Joni V, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Dane H	Jeff P ♦ Jake M
Nursery	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Alejandro & Isabel C	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Tricia K PM: John & Linda V, Barb T

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Mark McCarthy, Emma Mercado Castelan, Sara Ploegstra, Brooklyn Rylaarsdam, Jeff Ploegstra, Lila Sybesma, Benjamin Ploegstra, Del Vander Zee

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
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	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Friend/Hibma
	6:00 PM	GEMS Sunday Service
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)