

SUNDAY, March 13, 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 13**, is the second Sunday of Lent. We are *remembering* this Lent – and this Sunday we remember that "God is faithful" as we read about the covenants God makes – and keeps – with his people. 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: GEMS Sunday

This Sunday, **March 13**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a joint GEMS Sunday service with Faith CRC and Bridge of Hope as we together celebrate the GEMS ministry and what the girls are learning. During our evening services this Lent we will also hear testimonies from fellow Covenant members. This Sunday Rin Goedhart will share stories from her life that can help us remember that God is faithful. 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. We will also collect an offering in the offering boxes this evening for the GEMS ministry.

WE Service Next Week

We hope you will make plans to attend the WE service (Intergenerational worship gathering) next Sunday, **March 20**, after the morning service. The gathering begins right after the morning service with a shared meal provided by church. All are welcome! We will gather at tables in the fellowship hall and stay right there for a time of learning and sharing through dramas, storytelling, and hands-on activities. Our gathering will focus on *Remembering* as a Faith Practice. To learn more ahead of time, follow this link to the Faith Formation Ministries website: <https://www.crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject>.

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 20**, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:9-12. Need some help memorizing? Say it aloud. Write it down. Put the text everywhere. Check out this article for more tips: <https://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2013/03/ten-tips-for-memorizing-bible-verses/>



Pastoral Group Dinners

Our spring Pastoral Group Dinners will begin this 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! Next Sunday there is no pastoral group dinner because of the WE service, and the next dinner will take place on **March 27** with the **Van Wyk/Janssen** group gathering.

GEMS Reminders:

GEMS, please wear your Unshakeable shirt and be at Covenant CRC by 5:50 PM for our evening service. We will be sitting together by grades.

House Blessing

At 12:00 PM on Monday, **March 14**, Covenant will hold a prayer time for blessing on the house we are providing for Afghan refugees. The address is 214 1st Avenue SE. We will pray for God's love, grace, and peace to rest on this home.

It's Time for the Salt Sale!

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 27!** 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. On the order sheet we are encouraging each family to try to sell 25 bags if they can. This is not a requirement at all! Just a way to try to encourage you to reach out to your friends and family and see if they would be interested in ordering salt. Last year Covenant's half of the proceeds were around \$4000. Also watch for a link to a sign up to volunteer to help deliver salt on **April 23!**

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](#).

Dordt Wind Symphony

The Dordt University Wind Symphony invites you to a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, **March 18**, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Missouri, New Mexico, California, Colorado, and Iowa. Under the baton of Dr. Onsby Rose, the Wind Symphony will perform a wide variety of repertoire. Featured soloist will be Janna Vanden Brink on flute performing the Chaminade *Concertino for Flute*. The concert will also be livestreamed at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

Love INC Annual Meeting

Love INC Sioux County will be holding its Annual Impact Meeting on Monday, **March 21** at 7 PM at the Love INC office (1129 South Main, Rock Valley). All are welcome to come and hear about exciting changes in our ministry and a recap of what God accomplished locally through his Church in the last year! Refreshments will be served!

14th Annual Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet

Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! The banquet is Monday, **April 4**, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 PM (doors will open at 6:00 PM). Save your spot by Sunday, **March 27** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or go to our website (www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone’s ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: Read Psalm 116:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you truly believe—with your heart as well as your head—that God listens to you? How, when, and where do you speak to and listen to God? How might you increasingly become someone who “inclines your ear” to others? (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 Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Interim Pastor Jay Denne.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$3,895.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,275.00

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 20
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	Jeff P ♦ Jake M	Eric R ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Tricia K PM: John & Linda V, Barb T	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Marcy H

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
Sean Hannigan, Benjamin Groenewold, Cheri Horstman

Happy Birthday this Week
Mike & Laura Janssen, Roger & Linda Vanden Hoek

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	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)
Monday	12:00 PM	Prayer Gathering for House Blessing (214 1st Ave. SE)
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men’s Bakery Study Group (at Casey’s Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
Sunday, 20th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Lunch & WE Service
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study