

SUNDAY, March 20, 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 20**, is the third Sunday of Lent. We are *remembering* this Lent – and this Sunday we remember that "God is generous" as we read in Isaiah 55 about the God who invites us to a place of plenty. We will continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

WE Service This Sunday

We hope you will join us for the WE service (Intergenerational worship gathering) following our morning worship this Sunday, **March 20**. 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. Because of the WE service, there will be no 6:00 PM Vespers today.

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 27**, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:13-16. 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/>

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study group will meet this Sunday, **March 20**, at **6:00 PM**. There is no evening worship gathering this evening, so they will meet at our normal worship time. All are welcome!

Courier Reminder

Do you have something you'd like to include in the April Courier? Send it to the church office by Monday, **March 21**!



Pastoral Group Dinners

There is no Pastoral Group Dinner today because of the WE Service. Next Sunday, **March 27**, the **Van Wyk/Janssen** group will gather for food and fellowship. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

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 are 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](#).

Prayers for Ukraine

An invitation from Fred Wilgenburg at New Roots Ministry: On Sunday, **March 20**, from 2-3 PM at the Levitt at the Falls Park (504 N. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls), there will be a prayer rally to together lift up the crisis in Ukraine. Please tell others about it and come if you are able.

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!

Ignite the Vision

The last Sioux Center Christian School IGNITE the Vision Briefing is Tuesday, **March 22** at 6:30 PM in the school gym. We will share our vision for God's kids, the strategic plans we have in place to live out this vision and share how our next campus expansion is an important step in these plans. We'll share a 3D fly-through video and architect drawings of the proposed campus expansion. No RSVP is needed. Go to <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/ignite.cfm> for more details and a video that shares more about the next step in our journey.

SCCS Society Meeting

The Sioux Center Christian School Board of Trustees will be holding the annual Society Meeting on Tuesday, **March 29**, at 7:00 PM in the SCCS gym. Agenda items include approving the 22-23 budget, voting on the proposed IGNITE building expansion, board updates, a financial update, and more. Pre-meeting materials are available at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/about/newsletters.cfm>. If you have not received materials, please contact the school office (722-0777 or sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com). We invite all Society members to attend!

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.

Hope Haven Benefit Auction

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, **April 1** at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). You can support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The doors open at 4:30 PM, the food booth opens at 5:00 PM, and the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser!

Note from Mid-Sioux:

Are you having problems making your food dollars stretch far enough? If you are pregnant, have recently had a baby, or have a child under 5 years old, you may qualify for WIC. For eligibility details, additional information or to schedule an appointment, call Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. (722-3611, www.midsioux.org).

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: Read James 1:19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Being "quick to listen" is an enormous challenge in Western culture, where we often value speaking over listening. Do you know someone who is an intentionally deep listener? How does interacting with that person make you feel? (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 Amistad Cristianacongregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,245.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,900.00

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 27
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	Eric R + Jason W	Dennis DJ + Tom C
Nursery	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Marcy H	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Mark & Cheri H

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull Gianni & Georgina Gracia Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar, Richard Eggebeen, Victoria Eggebeen, Mike Janssen, Tricia Van Dyk, Beth Vanden Berg, Channon Visscher, Emma Haan

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Wil & Jo Alberda

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 20th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Lunch & WE Service
	6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
Sunday, 27th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner: Van Wyk/Janssen
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)