

SUNDAY, March 27, 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 27**, is the fourth Sunday of Lent. We are *remembering* this Lent – and this Sunday we remember that "God forgives us" and are reminded in Psalm 32 that "happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." 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 27**, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services use prayers and litanies from *The Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence, and meditation on scripture. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

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 **April 3**, let's try to say from memory Psalm 103:17-19. 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

Today, **March 27**, the **Van Wyk/Janssen** group will gather for food and fellowship at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 3**, the **Schelhaas/Feikema** pastoral group will meet.

Salt Sale Orders Due!

Order forms for the Salt Sale Fundraiser are due back at church today, **March 27!** Payment is due with your order sheets. We encourage each family to try to sell 25 bags if they can. This is not a requirement, but a way to encourage you to reach out to friends and family and see if they would be interested in ordering salt. Also watch for a link to a sign up to volunteer to help deliver salt on **April 23!**

April Courier

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

Covenant Occasional Choir

If you have ever sung in the choir at Covenant in the past or hope to in the future (maybe the very near future), please help us out and fill out this quick survey at <https://forms.gle/4fCJsyZ5iqA1hppe8>! Or email Rebecca De Vries at rebecca.ann.devries@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](#).

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!

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!

Faith Over Fear: Loving Our Muslim and Immigrant Neighbor

Northwestern College would like to invite you to consider joining us for a conversational event next week - Faith Over Fear: Loving Our Muslim and Immigrant Neighbors at Northwestern College in Orange City on **April 1 & 2**. The purpose of this dialogue-oriented workshop is to help followers of Christ understand and address anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant discrimination in their communities. We will consider how our commitment to exalt Christ and his gospel compels us to show hospitality and welcome the stranger. We invite you and your faith community to join us in-person or virtually. For the registration link and more details: <https://bit.ly/FoFOCApril2022>

Junior High Retreat

The Minn-I-Kota annual Junior High Retreat for kids in 6th-8th grades will be held **April 22-24** at Inspiration Hills. Register by sending form and payment to Lee De Groot by **April 1** to Lee De Groot. Email the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) for a registration form.

Save the Date

NW Iowa Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon is planned for Monday, **May 2**, at noon, at the Sanborn CRC. Mark your calendar now.

Register Today for Inspire 2022

Plan to join sisters and brothers in Christ from all around the CRC for three days of worship, prayer, learning, and fellowship. We'll gather, **August 4-6**, near Chicago, Illinois, for Inspire 2022. Register today and get the early bird rate. Groups of 5 or more from one church qualify for a further discount with our group rate! Learn more at crcna.org/inspire

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Listening: Read Psalm 19:1-4 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How does God's creation "pour forth speech" about God? How might we become better listeners to the testimony of God's creation? How can each of us use our gifts and talents to help God's creation flourish? (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 Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering General Fund \$3,678.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,000.00

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](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, April 3
Greeters	AM: Rebecca DS, Megan H, Marv W	AM: Jan B, Alejandro C, Sally J
Ushers	AM: Bernie DW, Andy L, Beth VB	AM: Kathy DW, Bob DS, Tim K
Coffee	Steve C, Deb H, Carol O, Linda VH	Cheri H, Sanneke K, Shirley M, Jake VW
Subs	Pam DJ, Sharon D, Lee R, Lois VZ, Joni V, Dani W	Dan A, Jenni B, Doug DB, Joan MC, Gidge M, Marty VP
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ ♦ Becca DV/Dane H	Nick B ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Mark & Cheri H	AM: Channon & Joni V, Ethan & Donna B

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

Brandon Hummel, Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats

Happy Anniversary this Week

Brian & Barb Mellema

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
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	7:30 PM	ETM End of the Year Party (at First CRC)