

SUNDAY, March 5, 2023

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

Today, **March 5**, is the second Sunday of Lent. During this season, as we journey toward the cross, we will remember together each week that God spreads a table before us in the wilderness as we see examples of God's great provision in stories throughout the bible. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Vespers

This Sunday evening, 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.

GEMS Sunday Service

Next Sunday evening, **March 12**, we will join in worship with Faith CRC and Bridge of Hope for a GEMS Sunday service at Faith CRC. There will be no evening service at Covenant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Pastoral Group Dinners begin next Sunday, **March 12**, with the **Friend/Hibma** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Covenant Sunday Morning

Covenant Sunday Morning will be taking a break for the Dordt spring break, the K-12 area spring break, as well as Easter Sunday. We will resume on **April 16**.

Save the Date

Our next WE Service is on Sunday, **March 26**. We hope you make a note on your calendar and plan to stay after our morning service for lunch and another time of learning and growing together as we explore Gratitude as a faith practice.

Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet

The Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board, and Congregation would like to invite you to the 15th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, **April 3**, at Trinity CRC (Rock Valley). Doors will open at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Save your spot by Sunday, **March 26** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. 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! 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.

New Roots Ministry Event

Do you ever see someone with a red dot on their forehead or wearing a religious head covering, and wonder, how do I reach out to someone so different from me? On Saturday, **March 25**, from 8:30-11:30 AM, come to Empower Campus, (1915 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls). We'll have fun learning and hearing testimonies of a former Hindu who is now a Christian pastor, people who used to be Muslim and are now believers, a former Buddhist who became a Christian, and from a missionary to Islamic people. The beverages and ethnic treats will be good, too. If you have questions, contact Fred Wilgenburg (605-376-6330, sfnewroots@gmail.com).

Save the Date

Love In the Name of Christ Sioux County will be hosting a spring fundraising event on Saturday, **April 15** at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Watch for more information coming soon on Facebook: Love INC of Sioux County and our website at www.loveincsiouxcounty.org.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$1,314.00	Christian Education Fund	\$709.98
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Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' February newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's March prayer requests are [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 12
Greeters	AM: Tricia K, Rachel L, Merrill MC	
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Bernie DW, Jake VW	
Coffee	Sharon D, Chris G, Daryl H, Sally J, Sharon V	
Subs	Bob DS, Marcy H, Jeremy H, Cal J, Carol O, Beth VB	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ + Marty VP	Andy L + Terry F
Nursery	AM: Lee & Jenni M, Jake & Trena VW	AM: Rob & Megan H, Marcy H

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

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

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 5th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Classis lakota Meeting (Rock Rapids CRC)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
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	12:00 PM	Friend/Hibma Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	GEMS Sunday Service at Faith CRC
