

SUNDAY, March 12, 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 12**, is the third 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. Today Pastor Joel is filling a classical appointment at Bridge of Hope, so Dr. Justin Bailey will preach here at Covenant while Pastor Joel is away. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

GEMS Sunday Service

This 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 today, **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! Next Sunday, **March 19**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will gather for food and fellowship.

Church Education Schedule

- Sunday School and Catechism will not meet the next two Sundays, **March 19 & 26**. Class will resume on **April 2**.
- 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**.

Salt Sale Begins!

This Sunday you will find the order form for our annual Covenant/ BOH Softener Salt Sale in your mailbox! All orders are due Sunday, **March 26**. You can return order forms to church, Emily Kramer, or the TRIP office. (You can also find order forms [here](#) and instructions [here](#).) Thanks for your help on this fundraiser! Delivery Day is **April 22** and we will need all the help we can get to deliver the salt!

WE Service

Everyone is invited to lunch and an intergenerational worship gathering (WE service) on Sunday, **March 26** immediately following our morning service. The theme of our gathering is the faith practice of gratitude. Since we are in the season of Lent, we will explore ways of practicing gratitude even in wilderness times. Come prepared to share your own gratitude practices and learn from others. We will also collaborate to create a wilderness scene mural, and Pastor Joel will lead us in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Dordt Music Events

- The Dordt University Music Department presents a guest performance by Ensemble Chaconne at 7:30 PM on Friday, **March 17**, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Ensemble Chaconne (Peter H. Bloom, baroque flute; Carol Lewis, viola da gamba; and Olav Chris Henriksen, baroque lute) transports the audience to the salons and palaces of 18th century Europe with "The Glorious Ones—Treasures by the Late Baroque Masters." The ensemble will perform gems by J.S. Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Telemann and other leading composers of the baroque era. Now celebrating its 37th season, the ensemble tours widely in the U.S. and abroad.
- The Dordt University Wind Symphony invites you to a concert at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **March 18**, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Under the baton of Dr. Onsby C. Rose, the Wind Symphony will perform a wide variety of repertoire. Highlights of this concert is a new work commissioned by the Dordt Wind Symphony from Kansas composer Grace Baugher-Dunlap titled *When I Consider the Heavens*. The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

New Roots Ministry Event

If you see someone with a red dot on their forehead, or wearing a religious head covering, do you wonder how to reach out to them? On Saturday, **March 25**, from 8:30-11:30 AM, come to Empower Campus, (1915 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls). Hear

testimonies of former Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists who are now Jesus-followers, learn about outreach, and have good ethnic treats. No need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Fred Wilgenburg (605-376-6330, sfnewroots@gmail.com).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema and Cliff Hoekstra.

Last week's offering General Fund \$10,976.00 Christian Education Fund \$6,004.00

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 19
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	Andy L ♦ Terry F	Nick B ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Rob & Megan H, Marcy H	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Ryan & Angela 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

Sean Hannigan, Claire Van Schouwen

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mike & Laura Janssen, Rog & Linda Vanden Hoek, Matt & Juliet Jewett

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Friend/Hibma Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	GEMS Sunday Service at Faith CRC
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	50 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 19th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Van Wyk/Van Tol Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study