

SUNDAY, March 19, 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 19**, is the fourth 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Pastoral Group Dinners continue today, **March 19**, with the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday there will be no Pastoral Group Dinner because of the WE service, and we'll resume on Sunday, **April 2** with the **Schelhaas/Feikema** pastoral group gathering for food and fellowship.

Church Education Schedule

- Sunday School and Catechism will not meet on **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**.

April Courier

If you have something to include in the April Courier, send it to the office by Monday, **March 20!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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. We'll be having subs for lunch and would love to know how many will be eating. Can you please RSVP [online here](#) or on the sign-up at church? There will be a freewill donation box to cover the costs of the meal.

Church Door

We have had the same door combination on the NE door for many years, and in an attempt to address some church safety concerns, the code has been changed. You are always welcome to come to church during office hours (generally on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-1:30 and Thursdays from 9-5) and there is a doorbell on the east wall. If you would like to have the church code, please contact the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net), and we ask that you refrain from sharing it with others. Thanks for your understanding!

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).

Hope Haven Benefit Auction

Hope Haven will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, **March 31** at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 4:30 PM, food booths open at 5:00, and beginning at 5:30 you can choose from over 450 items in the live auction. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of selected items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser!

Minnikota Junior High Retreat

The 13th Annual Minnikota Youth Jr High (6th-8th) Retreat is **April 21-23** at Inspiration Hills. There are a few spots still open but registration will close on **April 1** or as soon as the spots are filled. Registration forms are on the table in the fellowship hall. Contact Lee De Groot with questions (degrootlee@gmail.com or text 712 470 4244). Hope to see you there!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Last week's offering General Fund \$2,812.65 Christian Education Fund \$720.00

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 26
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	Nick B ♦ Tom C	Jeff P ♦ Rebecca DV
Nursery	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Ryan & Angela H	AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Steve & Pat C

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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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

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

Happy Anniversary this Week

Wil & Jo Alberda

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group

Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 PM	Lunch & WE Service