

**SUNDAY, March 17, 2024**

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## **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 is the fifth Sunday of Lent. This season is a time of journeying toward the cross as we daily die to ourselves and rise with Christ in the hope that comes with the empty tomb. Pastor Joel will be preaching through the [Lectionary](#) Psalms during this season. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Vespers**

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will also take time to share our Joys and Concerns and offer those to God.

### **Holy Week Services**

As we approach Holy Week, we hope you are able to join us in worship as we remember together the great story of Christ's death and resurrection. We will gather for a Maundy Thursday Service on **March 28** at 7:00 PM and a Good Friday service at 12:00 PM on **March 29**. And we will celebrate Easter Sunday together on **March 31** at 10:00 AM!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship at SCCS**

Just a reminder that in January through March, our Sunday morning worship services will be held at Sioux Center Christian School while our Sanctuary Refresh project is going on. Please use only the main entrance to enter and exit the building, we'd like the able-bodied to reserve the "Visitor Parking" for elderly and handicapped parking, and after the service, pick up your color-coded chair and return it to the correct color-coded chair rack! (Volunteers will be at the racks to assist you.)



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

Today, **March 17**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM in the Covenant fellowship hall. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **March 24**, the **Schelhaas/Mellema** pastoral group will gather for a meal.

### **Sanctuary Clean Up**

Thanks to those who were able to help clean up the floors in the sanctuary this past week! The next sanctuary clean-up will happen on Saturday, **March 23**, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you can help, sign up [here](#).

### **Easter Lunch Invitation**

On your own for Easter this year? Pastor Joel and Tricia would love to have you join them for dinner after the Easter service on **March 31**. Please let them know if you are interested!

### **Salt Sale 2024**

The Salt Sale Delivery Day is Saturday, **April 6!** Please mark it on your calendar if you are able to help deliver salt that day! The volunteer sign-up sheet will go out Monday, **March 18**.

### **Save the date!**

All adults (18+) are invited to our culminating 50th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, **April 26**, at 6:00 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. Be watching for more details and sign-up information. Put it on your calendar now! The deadline for sign-up will be **April 7**.

### **Christian Education Committee**

Please consider joining the Christian Education Committee! We need 2-3 new members to help coordinate our fundraisers! We are also in need of a new chair for next year. Contact Emily Kramer at [evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com) with any questions or if you can see yourself being a part of a fun and exciting committee!

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Would you be able to help set up chairs at SCCS before our morning services? Sign up [here](#).
- The Senior Needs Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with a valet service before Sunday morning worship at SCCS. If you're willing to help, please [sign up here](#) or contact the office.

## SCCS Groundbreaking

Sioux Center Christian School invites you to our Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Blazer Center Campus Expansion at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, **March 19**. The event will be held on the south side of school by the soccer field.

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

## Last week's offering

General Fund: \$10,440.00

Christian Education Fund: \$2,406.00

## 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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami 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 17
Greeters	AM: Alejandro C, Lisa C, Verlyn DW	
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Jan B, Jeff T	
Subs	Doug DB, Cheri H, Tricia K, Les S, Lois VZ, Channon V	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ John S	Dennis DJ ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Kurt & Sharon V	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Lee R

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
tvandyk@crncnpartners.org

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Sean Hannigan, Claire Van Schouwen, Benjamin Groenewold, Cheri Horstman, Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar, Mike Janssen, Tricia Van Dyk, Beth Vanden Berg*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Wil & Jo Alberda*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
	12:00 PM	DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	4:00 PM	Justice & Mercy Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	Sanctuary Clean-Up
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