

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

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 sixth and final 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 enter 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. If all goes as planned, all services will be in the sanctuary! 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at SCCS

This is hopefully our last Sunday morning worship service at Sioux Center Christian School! We hope to be back to worship in our sanctuary this week. And for the last time 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 24**, the **Schelhaas/Mellema** 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! We'll take a break next week for Easter and on Sunday, **April 7**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will gather for a meal.

April Courier

Do you have anything you'd like to include in the April Courier? If so, please send it to the office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **March 25**!

Church Education Schedule

There will be no church education classes on **March 24 & 31**. Classes will resume on **April 7**.

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 Delivery Time!

The softener salt is ordered and once again we have over 2000 bags to deliver! Now we need willing hands to haul all that salt! We also need refreshments for our workers, so if you aren't able to do the physical labor you can serve in that way! Please sign up [here](#) or contact Emily Kramer directly at evanderhart@yahoo.com and I can add you to the sign up. Thanks!

50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

We hope you can attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Friday night, **April 26** at 6:00 PM. Please sign up by filling out this [form](#). The cost is \$20 per person (18+). Payment will be collected the night of the dinner. Please contact the office (722-4465, covenant@mtcnet.net) if you are having any difficulties signing up or if you would like to make it possible for others to attend by paying for their dinner. Because this is a catered dinner, please sign up by **April 7**.

Service Opportunities

- 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 with any questions or if you can see yourself being a part of a fun and exciting committee!

- 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.

Covenant Email List

Do you worship regularly at Covenant and want to be added to our church email list to get all the news and updates? Email the church office and we'll add you! (covenant@mtcnet.net)

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **April 2**. Video: "Dr Xavier Amador: How to Help Someone with Mental Illness Accept Treatment." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$6,342.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,965.00

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 31
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	Dennis DJ + Marty VP	Andy L + Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Lee R	AM: Rob & Megan H, Duane & Jan B

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
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Channon Visscher, Emma Haan, Brandon Hummel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
	12:00 PM	Schelhaas/Mellema Pastoral Group Dinner (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday	12:00 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM	Easter Morning Worship