

SUNDAY, May 5, 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

During this season of Eastertide, Pastor Joel will be leading us through the book of Ephesians. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Spring Cleaning

Many hands make light work! Our church clean-up day is on **May 11** at 9:00 AM. Your deacon will be in contact with you about what area of the church your pastoral group will take care of. Coffee, juice, bars, and fellowship provided!

Spring Offering of Thanks

Spring Offering of Thanks envelopes were in your church mailboxes last week and can be put in the offering boxes by Sunday, **May 12**. Extra copies are available at the table in the fellowship hall. The Deacons have decided to try something new this year and split up local ministries and national/international ministries between the Thanksgiving offering and the Spring Offering of Thanks respectively. If you have questions, please feel free to email or speak to one of the deacons. The deacons thank you for your generous giving to both Covenant and these other organizations locally and around the world.

You're Invited!

The Covenant congregation is invited to witness the marriage ceremony of Jocelyn Zonnefeld and Gabriel Garcia in the Covenant sanctuary on Monday, **May 13** at 4:30 PM.

Mid-Sioux Opportunity Food Drive

This month we are collecting food and personal items to help restock the food pantry at Mid-Sioux Opportunity! See the list below and based on the first letter of your last name, take some items from the list back to church by Saturday, **May 25**. You can learn more about it in the [May Courier](#).

- A—D: Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, tuna, chicken, spaghetti sauces, beans, applesauce, etc.)
- E—H: Boxed dry goods (pasta, boxed dinners, oatmeal, cereal, instant potatoes, rice, etc.)
- I—S: Easy lunch items (granola bars, pop tarts, crackers, Jell-O cups, peanut butter, jelly)
- T—Z: Toiletry items (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish/hand/laundry soap, feminine products, toothpaste)

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)

Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon

Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, **May 6** at the Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM and the featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

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, **May 7**. Speaker: Dr. Robert Hubbard, professor of theater at Northwestern College. Bob will share with us about his recent book, *Scenes with My Son: Love and Grief in the Wake of Suicide*. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

From First CRC:

You are invited to join us for an Ascension Day worship service at First CRC of Sioux Center on Thursday, **May 9**, at 7:00 PM, led by Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Pray for Synod 2024

The theme for synod worship and prayer is "God With Us." You can sign up to pray on your own, with your church or small group, or at Calvin University in June. Check out the many opportunities at crcna.org/synod/prayer and join us in humble prayer for God's will to be done in the CRC. Email SynodPrayer@crcna.org with your questions or comments.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,420.00

Christian Education Fund: \$3,720.42

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 May 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, May 12
Greeters	AM: Wil A, Mark H, Marcia W	
Ushers	AM: Deb H, Jake VW, Stan VB	
Coffee	Sharon D, Sanneke K, Mark MC, Rockne MC, Len R	
Subs	Paul C, Dennis DJ, Marcy H, Sherri TN, Marty VP, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ John S	Nick B ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Daryl & Deb H	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Channon & Joni V

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Shannon Schreurs, Lisa Christians, Len Rhoda

Happy Anniversary this Week

Eldon & Marcia Westra, John & Becky Stevenson

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 5th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Saturday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning Day
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers