

**SUNDAY, March 2, 2025**

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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**

Welcome to worship this Sunday! On this last Sunday before Lent begins, we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus. In this event, we see the great glory of God in the person of Jesus made clear to his disciples. Today we will also gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **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 share our joys and concerns.

### **Ash Wednesday**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, and we will gather to worship that evening at 6:15 PM. The service will be finished in time to get kids to GEMS, Cadets, and Youth Group.

### **GEMS Sunday**

Next Sunday, **March 9**, at 5:00 PM, we will gather with Faith CRC and Bridge of Hope to celebrate the GEMS ministry in a joint worship service at Faith CRC. There will be no service at Covenant that evening.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

We will begin our spring Pastoral Group Dinners today, **March 2**. The **Hickey/Horstman** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! We'll take a break the next two Sundays, and on **March 23**, the **Breems/Kramer** pastoral group will gather.

### **Salt Sale 2025**

Salt Sale 2025 has begun! Please return your water softener salt order forms to either the church office, the SCCS TRIP office, or Emily Kramer's church mailbox. Order forms are due **March 9!** Please put Saturday, **April 5** on your calendar as our delivery day! We will need many strong backs and willing workers to deliver all of the salt! There will be a worker sign up coming in mid-March, so keep your eyes peeled for more information on the salt delivery day!

### **Food, Fellowship, and Prayer**

On Wednesday, **March 12**, Covenant will participate in our denominational day of prayer. We will offer a meal from 5:45 to 6:45 PM, and we will pray from 7-7:45 PM. In both gatherings, we will provide space and time for people to share thoughts about our denomination and our nation; and, even when our thoughts differ, we unite in prayer to the One God who is love.

### **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 8 PM on Tuesday, **March 4**. Dr. Willa Casstevens, recently retired Professor of Social Work and president of the NAMI NW IA Affiliate, will be the speaker. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, contact Shirley Matheis (722-4462) or Nate (402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com)).

### **Dementia Prevention Class**

Community Health Partners, along with Orange City Area Health System, are partnering to offer a 10-session brain health program, "KEYS to Dementia Prevention," with the goal of educating on lifestyle choices that are proven to promote brain health and prevent or delay dementias. Classes will be on Thursdays from 9-11 AM, beginning on **March 13**, at Kanaal Huis at The Canals in Orange City, and are open to anyone 50 or older who does not have a dementia diagnosis. Cost to register is \$40, but \$20 will be refunded to those that attend 8+ sessions. To register: contact Community Health Partners (712-737-2971 or [chp@siouxcountychnp.org](mailto:chp@siouxcountychnp.org)). Register by **March 10**.

### **Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet**

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to their Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, **April 7** at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 PM. Doors open at 6 PM. Save your spot by Sunday, **March 30** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or go to our website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). Join us for an evening of praise to

celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness inside the SDSP. A freewill offering will be taken. If you can't attend, donations can be sent to Cornerstone Prison Church, (c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109) or donate online ([www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)).

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

**Last week's offering**    General Fund: \$4,123.75    Christian Education Fund: \$417.71    Building Fund: \$2,417.72

### 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 February 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 9
Greeters	AM: Duane B, Jill F, Laurey Z	
Ushers	AM: Rachel L, Lee R, Jeff T	
Coffee	Ed B, Ruth Cla, Verlyn DW, Sanneke K, Ron O	
Subs	Lisa C, Steve C, Rin G, Deb H, Carol O, Joni V	
Valet Parking	Jeff/Shirley T	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ James R	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Tom & Ruth C	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Ryan & Angela H

### 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  
smaletoungou@acsi.org

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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Brian Mellema, Lee Rhoda, Ben Bailey, Mark McCarthy, Emma Mercado Castelan, Lincoln Rylaarsdam, Sara Ploegstra, Brooklyn Rylaarsdam

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Hickey/Horstman Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM	Class Lakota Meeting (at Covenant)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:15 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 PM	GEMS & Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	GEMS Sunday Worship (at Faith CRC)