

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

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! This is the first Sunday of Lent. During Lent, we will remember together that our Savior Jesus Christ shows us the ultimate example of service in his life and death, and we seek to follow his example as we go out each week to serve. Today we will also gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

GEMS Sunday Worship

This Sunday, **March 9**, at 5:00 PM (note the earlier time!), 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 this evening. GEMS girls should plan to be at Faith Church by 4:50 PM with their theme shirts on!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today, **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 (sloppy joes) from 5:45 to 6:45 PM (freewill donation), 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. If you plan to eat with us that evening, please sign up at the welcome table or [online](#).

Church Education Schedule & Plans

- Sunday School and Catechism, will take a spring break on Sunday, **March 16**. Classes will resume on **March 23**.
- Covenant Sunday Morning will begin meeting again on **March 23**. We will use the book *What If Jesus Was Serious About Justice?* by Skye Jethani to promote discussion and engagement. It is simply written and encouraging.

Edifying Engagement

The Deacons are planning an Edifying Engagement on supporting Christian Education for the evening service of **March 16**. To ensure that we are aligned with our church members' vision, we encourage every family to have at least one representative attend. You can read more about it in the [March Courier](#).

Dordt Concert Choir

The Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Friday, **March 14** at 7 PM. This free concert is part of their spring tour with performances throughout Michigan and Ontario, Canada. Under the direction of Dr. Ryan Smit, the Concert Choir consists of 54 auditioned singers. The ensemble will perform a rich and varied selection of music representing many styles and time periods from the Renaissance motets to traditional spirituals to modern works.

Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invites 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. Join us for an evening of praise to celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness inside the SDSP. A freewill offering will be taken or 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).

Love INC Spring Share Event

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our Spring Share Event on **April 11** at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Doors will open at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served starting at 6:15 PM. Ted Cunningham, comedian, speaker, pastor, and author, from Branson, MO will be our entertainment, so come ready for a fun evening of great food and laughter! Tickets to the event can be purchased for \$75 or get a group of eight people together and reserve a full table for \$560. Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office (712-476-5990) or online at www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Seats are limited so purchase tickets soon.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$19,978.03 Christian Education Fund: \$4,695.00 Building Fund: \$2,395.00

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 16
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	Jeff P ♦ James R	Doug DB ♦ John S
Nursery	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Ryan & Angela H	AM: Duane & Jan B, Dave & Emily K

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
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jeff Ploegstra, Lila Sybesma, Benjamin Ploegstra, Del Vander Zee

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Mike & Laura Janssen, Matt & Juliet Jewett

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 9th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	GEMS Sunday Worship (at Faith CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	5:45 PM	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 16th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Edifying Engagement
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study