

**SUNDAY, March 16, 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! During this season of 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](#).

### **Edifying Engagement**

This Sunday, **March 16**, at 6:00 PM, the deacons are planning an Edifying Engagement on supporting Christian Education. 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](#).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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. Please use your favorite online or local book retailer to purchase a copy of the book. An introduction to the book and a semester schedule will be covered at our first meeting.



### **Pastoral Group Dinners**

Next Sunday, **March 23**, the **Breems/Kramer** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! On **March 30**, the **Stiemsma/Zonnefeld** pastoral group will gather.

### **F.O.S.S.I.L. Revisited**

If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to join the F.O.S.S.I.L. group for food (soup & bread) and fellowship in our fellowship hall at 5:30 PM on Monday, **March 31**. Please RSVP to Pat Crull at [spcrull@mtcnet.net](mailto:spcrull@mtcnet.net) if you plan to attend.

### **Diaper Drive**

Maria Magdalena Reformed Church has started a Community Diaper Bank with distributions each month serving between 50 and 100 children. We will be partnering with them in meeting this community need, collecting diapers here at Covenant for the month of March. We encourage you to bring in diapers of any size (sizes 5 & 6 are particularly needed). If you'd rather let someone else do the purchasing, feel free to write a check with "Compassion Fund – diapers" in the memo line.

### **SCCS Society Meeting**

The Sioux Center Christian School Board of Trustees will be holding the annual Society Meeting on Thursday, **March 27**, at 7:00 PM in the SCCS orchestra room. Agenda items include approving the 25-26 budget, board updates, a financial update, affirmation of trustee nominees, and more. Materials are available to read through before the meeting. We invite all Society members to attend!

### **MIK+ Young Adults**

MIK+ Young Adults (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to Minnekota Youth (MIK Youth) which serves 6th-12th grades. Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland). We are working on getting the word out about this new ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches. Be watching the Minnikota Youth Facebook for more info and updates! Here are some upcoming activities:

- Saturday, **March 22**: Bible Study (Leviticus) in Hull 1<sup>st</sup> CRC Youth Building.
- Saturday, **April 5**: Activity - Planning to reserve Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. More info coming soon.
- Saturday, **April 19**: Bible Study (Numbers) in Sioux Center Bridge of Hope Youth Building.

If you'd like to receive text messages about MIK+ upcoming events text Lee De Groot (712-470-4244).

### **Hope Haven Annual Benefit Auction**

Hope Haven's Annual Benefit Auction is back and better than ever! Join us Friday, **April 4**, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull for an unforgettable evening filled with excitement, incredible items, and the opportunity to make a difference. Doors open at 5 PM with a silent auction, followed by a live auction at 5:30 PM. Plus, don't miss our Sponsor A Wheelchair Auction,

supporting individuals with disabilities in developing countries, giving them the gift of mobility and independence. Visit [hopehaven.org](http://hopehaven.org) to browse the catalog and learn more.

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation and the ministry of Pastors Sam and Gail Ashmore.

**Last week's offering**    General Fund: \$5,196.00    Christian Education Fund: \$580.00    Building Fund: \$1,294.00

### 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 23
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	Dennis DJ + John S	Doug DB + Jason W
Nursery	AM: Duane & Jan B, Dave & Emily K	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Rob & Megan 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  
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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

*Sean Hannigan, Claire Van Schouwen, Benjamin Groenewold, Cheri Horstman, Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar*

### Happy Birthday this Week

*Wil & Jo Alberda*

### Thank you

We thank the congregation for the many prayers and expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of John's father and Micah's grandfather.  
-John & Linda Visser and Micah & Jayden Dykstra

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Morning Worship Edifying Engagement Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Youth Group
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults) Morning Worship Breems/Kramer Pastoral Group Dinner Vespers