

SUNDAY, March 23, 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! 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](#).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This 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! Next Sunday, **March 30**, the **Stiemsma/Zonnefeld** pastoral group will gather.

April Courier

If you have something you'd like to include in the April Courier, send it to the church office by Monday, **March 24!**

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 if you plan to attend.

From the Justice & Mercy Committee:

We are partnering with the National Immigration Forum to host a Civics English class, designed to help aspiring citizens learn U.S. history, government, and English in preparation for the citizenship exam, and to build trust and stronger relationships with our immigrant neighbors who are seeking citizenship. More information will be in the April Courier, but there are a variety of ways for you to join us in this work! If you would like to help, please see [this signup sheet](#) or contact Dani Wyenberg or Joya Breems.

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 (Minnekota, Lakota, 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, **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).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Ron Boersema.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$3,101.15 Christian Education Fund: \$165.00 Building Fund: \$165.00

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 30
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	Doug DB ♦ Jason W	Will B ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Rob & Megan H	AM: John & Linda V, Kyle & Andrea D

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
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Mike Janssen, Tricia Van Dyk, Beth Vanden Berg, Channon Visscher, Emma Haan

Membership transfers

Naomi (Lief) Fynaardt has transferred her membership to Geneva Campus Church in Madison, WI.
Dale & June Brands have transferred their membership to Bethel CRC.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Breems/Kramer Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Cadets & GEMS (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 30th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
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