

SUNDAY, March 30, 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 have the joy of witnessing the profession of faith of Antonio Garcia and JoyLyn Vande Berg. 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 gather at the Lord's Table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **March 30**, the **Stiemsma/Zonnefeld** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 6**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will gather.

April Courier

The April Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our [website](#).

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.

Salt Sale Delivery

It is that time again! We need volunteers to help deliver 2000 bags of softener salt on Saturday, **April 5**! If you are unable to help lift the 40lb salt bags, we also need refreshments, supplies, and a small clean-up crew for that Saturday as well! If you have trouble using the sign-up link, feel free to email Emily Kramer (evanderhart@yahoo.com) and I will sign you up! Click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BADAA28A4FE3-55484475-bridge> Thank you for supporting our Christian Education commitments!

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 can be found in the [April Courier](#), and 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.

Listen & Discuss

Join in an insightful conversation with Mayra Castelan, Martha Hulshof, and Matthew Soerens about the impact of current immigration and asylum policy on immigrants living in our communities on Monday, **March 31** at 7:00 PM at Northwestern College (VPH classroom 213). Contact Jason Lief with questions.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, **April 1**. Video: Learning to Live with Clinical Depression. 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).

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 to browse the catalog and learn more.

Ringerwole Organ Recital Series

The Dordt Music Department will present Duo Majoya, Marnie Giesbrecht and Joachim Segger, as featured Ringerwole Organ Recital Series guest artists. Dr. Giesbrecht will lead an organ masterclass on Friday, **April 4**, at 11:10 AM–12:00 PM; Dr. Segger will present a piano masterclass on Friday, **April 4** from 4:30–5:30 PM. Duo Majoya will present a workshop on musical leadership in the church on Saturday, **April 5** from 10:00–11:30 AM. Duo Majoya will perform a recital featuring organ and piano, including Canadian composers and works for four hands by Jacobus Kloppers, Gerhard Krapf, Denis Bédard, Brahms, and Dvořák on Saturday, **April 5** at 7:00 PM. All events are free and open to the public and will take place in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

MIK+ Young Adult Ministry

MIK+ Young Adults (19-30 year old singles) would like to invite you to some upcoming activities:

- Saturday, **April 5**: Pizza & Trivia Night at 6 PM in Rock Valley Calvin CRC. (Enter in the west door because a fundraiser pick-up will be happening in their fellowship hall during these same hours). Please RSVP by **April 2** to Lee De Groot (712 470 4244). Bring a friend!
- Saturday, **April 19**: Bible Study (Numbers) at 6:00 PM in Sioux Center Bridge of Hope Youth Building. We will be eating a meal together and studying the book of Numbers. Please RSVP by **April 16** to Lee De Groot (712 470 4244). If you'd like to receive text messages about MIK+ upcoming events, text Lee De Groot (712-470-4244).

Minnekota Youth Jr. High Retreat

The 15th annual Minnekota Youth Jr. High Retreat (6th-8th grade) is fast approaching. It will be held at Inspiration Hills on **April 25-27**. The deadline for registering is the first week of April. If you or your junior higher have not had a chance to fill out a registration form, contact Lee (712-470-4244 or degrootlee@gmail.com) to get a form or print it off the Minnekota Youth Facebook page.

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 at (712)476-5990 or online at www.loveincsiouxcounty.org.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Centerpoint congregation and the ministry of Pastors Chris Godfredsen and Jamie Dykstra.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$3,070.00 Christian Education Fund: \$842.04 Building Fund: \$565.00

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, April 6
Greeters	AM: Duane B, Jill F, Laurey Z	AM: Ethan B, Merrill MC, Jason VB
Ushers	AM: Rachel L, Lee R, Jeff T	AM: Ruth Clo, Pat C, Andy L
Coffee	Ed B, Ruth Cla, Verlyn DW, Sanneke K, Ron O	Jenni B, Isabel C, Mary D, Shirley M, Rock MC
Subs	Lisa C, Steve C, Rin G, Deb H, Carol O, Joni V	Len R, Dave S, Les S, Beth VB, Channon V, Sharon V
Valet Parking	Jeff/Shirley T	Marcy H
Sound/Projection	Will B ♦ Terry F	Andy L ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: John & Linda V, Kyle & Andrea D	AM: Steve & Pat C, James & Courtney R

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

Brandon Hummel, Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats, Rebecca DeVries

Happy Anniversary this Week

Brian & Barb Mellema

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 30th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Stiemsma/Zonnefeld Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Monday	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Saturday	8:00 AM	Salt Sale Fundraiser Delivery
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	12:00 PM	DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study