

SUNDAY, May 4, 2025

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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! As we celebrate Eastertide, we continue to rejoice together in the good news of Christ's resurrection and the new life this brings to all of us. This morning we will also share the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

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

From the Council:

The Council approved nominees for elder and deacon, last Sunday we voted to affirm nominees, and today during our morning service we will draw 3 deacons and 2 elders to serve a three-year term. Thanks to all who let their name stand.

Cookies with the College Kids

Today is likely the last Sunday we will have Dordt students joining us for worship for this school year and so we have cookies! We wish you well as you wrap up the year, head away for the summer, or move on to a new job or more school. Thanks for worshipping with us!

Spring Offering of Thanks

Spring offering envelopes were put in your mailboxes last week. The deacons are focusing on national/global ministries for the spring offering. Please return to the offering boxes or mail to the church office by Sunday, **May 11!**

WE Service

We hope you join us on Sunday, **May 18** for our next WE Service, an intergenerational, informal worship gathering around the tables in the fellowship hall. We will gather immediately after the morning service for a meal (provided by church, freewill donation) and then explore the faith practice of Service. All are welcome to learn, share, and celebrate together. Sign up on the table in the fellowship hall or [online](#) if you plan to attend!

From the Justice & Mercy Committee:

We have had a great first few weeks of the Citizenship class! Thank you to all of those who have contributed in many ways. Please consider joining us in this work – we have quite a few openings for volunteer positions for the next few weeks of classes, and more students joining us each week. If you would like to help as a welcoming host, conversation leader, or by providing a snack, please [sign up here](#) or contact Dani Wyenberg or Joya Breems.

Children's Worship Leaders Needed

Are you interested in being a leader for Children and Worship? If you enjoy young children and are interested in helping them worship in age-appropriate ways during our worship services, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Cheri Horstman (712-441-4562 or mchorst@mtcnet.net).

Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon on Monday, **May 5** at Rock Valley First CRC (1401 16th Street, Rock Valley). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book "Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem". Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this event!

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 to 8 PM on Tuesday, **May 6**. Jenna Visser, Director of Counseling Services at Northwestern College, will discuss mental health therapy. For information, contact Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or Nate (402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com).

MIK + Young Adults

On Saturday, **May 10** we will be gathering at Schoneman County Park (south of Luverne, MN). There will be yard games, fishing, and grilling. Pastor Doug and Lee will furnish the brats, dogs, buns, drinks, and paper goods. We ask that you bring a side dish to share, a lawn chair, your fishing gear and fishing license (if you plan to fish). Come early (4 PM) to hang out or arrive at 6 PM for supper. RSVP to Lee (712 470 4244) before **May 7** at 9 PM so we know how much food to buy. Bring a friend and let's kick off this summer together!

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025

40 Days of Prayer are written prayers representing the diversity of CRC members that will guide us for the 40 days leading up to synod. [Sign up](#) to receive an email with the prayer for the day, or a PDF with each week's prayers. The 40 Days of Prayer will begin Sunday, **May 4**, and will conclude as Synod 2025 delegates gather on **June 12**. You can find more information at crcna.org/synod/prayer

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Join us for the Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend. We'll kick things off with a worship service on Friday, **June 20**, 6:00-8:00 PM and then will gather on Saturday, **June 21** and Sunday, **June 22** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day. The theme for the weekend is "Faithfulness of the Father" based on Lamentations 3:22-23. Join us for worship, large group talks, and small group discussions. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, **May 29**. If you would like more information or to sign up, contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Last week’s offering General Fund: \$2,430.00 Christian Education Fund: \$2,767.00 Building Fund: \$365.00

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 Maletougous’ 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 April 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, May 11 |
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| Greeters | AM: Cheri H, Marty VP, Michael VP | |
| Ushers | AM: Sally J, Jake VW, Marcia W | |
| Coffee | Sharon D, Jeremy H, Mark MC, Dennis VP, John Z | |
| Subs | Wil A, Rebecca DS, Sarah H, Marcy H, Sherri TN, Trena VW | |
| Valet Parking | Mark H | |
| Sound/Projection | Andy L ♦ Jason W | Nick B ♦ Terry F |
| Nursery | AM: Jason & Sara H, Alejandro & Isabel C | AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H |

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

- Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com
- Sos & Kara Maletougou
smaletougou@acsi.org
- Mike & Megan Ribbens
mrribbens@gmail.com
- Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Shannon Schreurs, Lisa Christians, Len Rhoda

Happy Anniversary this Week
Eldon & Marcia Westra

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday, 4 th | 9:00 AM | Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults) Morning Worship Vespers |
| | 9:00 AM | |
| | 10:00 AM | |
| | 6:00 PM | |
| Monday | 6:00 PM | Citizenship Class |
| Wednesday | 9:00 AM | Prayer Group |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Women’s Book Study Citizenship Class |
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