

SUNDAY, May 11, 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 install new elders and deacons and 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

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!**

Church Education Schedule

This Sunday is the last day of church education classes until fall. Thanks to all our teachers for serving this year!

Early Bulletin Deadline

I will be out of the church office Thursday and Friday (**May 15-16**). Please send all bulletin announcements to the church office by Wednesday, **May 14** at noon.

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).

40 Days of Prayer for Synod 2025

Pray-ers from around the denomination and the world began praying for Synod 2025 on **May 4**, but new pray-ers are always welcome. With prayers contributed by a wide variety of CRC writers, join us as we seek God's guidance and presence for this year's synod. Learn more and sign up for either daily Scripture and prayers OR a week's worth of Scripture and prayers that will be emailed to you 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 Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Pollema.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$4,628.00 Christian Education Fund: \$460.00 Building Fund: \$700.00

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 May 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 18
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	Nick B ♦ Terry F	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H	AM: Channon & Joni V, Laremy & Becca DV

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 Maletougou
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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

Matt Jewett, Ella Visscher, Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Will Breems, Meghan Vos

Happy Anniversary this Week

John & Becky Stevenson, Rob & Megan Haan

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 11th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Monday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	6:00 PM	Citizenship Class
Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Lunch & WE Service