

SUNDAY, January 17, 2020

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) to find the livestream for our worship services on Facebook (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section. It will say "live" next to it when we begin livestreaming and it will show up shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

Worship on Sunday Morning

This Sunday, **January 17**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 4 (Brue/Vos), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshipping online via Facebook Live. For those worshipping in the building, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask, especially if you plan to sing**. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). Pastor Joel is preaching from the [lectionary](#) during this season of Epiphany.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday evening, we will gather at 5:00 PM, and Counselor Deon Wynia will continue our series on trauma and healing. Deon works for Bethesda Christian Counseling, and we welcome his training and insights.

Welcoming Guests to Covenant

While we are limiting in-building worship to three pastoral groups at this time, we wanted to remind you that you are still welcome to invite guests and those looking for a church home to visit Covenant on any Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

The January Series

The January Series continues this week! We invite you to watch the lecture series either here at church (we highly encourage masks!) or from your own home. The lectures begin on Wednesday, **January 6** and will continue each weekday through **January 26** from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. You can find more information about the speakers and how to watch at home at <https://calvin.edu/january-series/>.

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **January 19** at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall to discuss *Jesus and John Wayne*, by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. The dialogue is open to all members and your friends. We had a good discussion of *Unsettling Truths* by Mark Charles at our last session, and expect another good dialogue this month. Even when we disagree with the author or one another, we learn from each other. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Joel or Eric Rowe.

Cookie Jar Gift Assembly

The SAM Committee is organizing a cookie jar gift for our neighbors. We are meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday, **January 30** to assemble layered jars of cookie ingredients for a "bake it yourself" gift. Then we'll distribute them to the people in houses next to the church. Email Eric at ericroweis@gmail.com if you're interested and there's also a signup sheet on the table

From the Deacons:

Thank you for your faithful giving this past year! The year-end contribution statements are in your church mailboxes. Please stop and pick them up!

A Giving Opportunity:

In response to our community's need, we are collecting items for Mid-Sioux and the Hope Food Pantry. During the month of **January**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate hot or cold cereal. You can bring it to church anytime during the month. Please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for your generous giving!

Church Nursery

Just a reminder that beginning this month, we will open the nursery for parents with small children to use during Sunday morning worship. We will not be staffing the nursery with volunteers but it will be open for families as needed.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

What if this year could bring new opportunities to learn and practice new ways of "being church"? This January and February join World Renew for a series of discussions led by leaders and churches using asset based community development. Together we will explore ways churches can be better neighbors and move from doing things for community to working with community. The series runs on Thursdays at 6:30 PM from **January 7** to **February 18**. The webinars will be recorded, so please register even if you have a scheduling conflict so that you can be sure to receive a link to the recording. You can find more information about the sessions and sign up [here](#).

Love, INC Love & Learn Classes

A new Love & Learn class session is starting on Tuesday, **January 19** at 6:45 to 8:15 PM at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Classes available this winter are: Boundaries; Faith & Finances; GriefShare; Have a New Kid by Friday; Affirming Potential; Redemptive Compassion. To learn more about these classes or register call Love INC (712-476-5990) or email loveinc3@premieronline.net. You can also find a flyer on the bulletin board.

Offerings for January

17	Missions Fund	24	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	31	Building Fund
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Last week's offering

General Fund	\$3,861.00	Missions Fund	\$115.00
Christian Education Fund	\$4,125.00	Building Fund	\$335.00
Compassion/Tuition Assistance	\$150.00		

Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All 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](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: You can find prayer requests from Back to God Ministries International [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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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

Jaren Brue, Jenni Breems, Tricia Kok, Dave Kramer, Stetsen Fedders

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 17th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Deon Wynia on Trauma
Monday	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	The January Series: Jemar Tisby Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM 7:30 PM	The January Series: Akbar Gbaja-Biamila Awareness Book Club
Wednesday	6:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) The January Series: Peter O'Connor Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Bruce Feiler
Friday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Katharine Hayhoe
Sunday, 24th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Dale Ellens on Trauma