

SUNDAY, January 24, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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 24**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), 3 (DeSmith/Feikema), and 5 (Schaap/Rowe) 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 Pastor Dale Ellens will continue our series on trauma and healing. Pastor Ellens 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 Jesu Cristo el buen pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo and Karen Gonzalez.

The January Series

Come out and enjoy the last few days of the January Series this week! We invite you to watch the lecture series either here at church (we highly encourage masks!) or from your own home. The last two lectures will be held on Monday and Tuesday, **January 25 & 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/>.

February Courier

The February Courier will come out next Sunday, **January 31**. Do you have something you'd like to include? Email it to the office by Monday, **January 25!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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 ericoweis@gmail.com if you're interested and there's also a sign-up sheet on the table.

Cadet Sunday

Cadet Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, **January 31**, at 5:00 PM at Faith CRC. Cadets in attendance should be at Faith by 4:45 PM in full uniform. Faith has some requirements for those in attendance regarding distancing and masks and seating areas, so check with the ushers if you plan to attend in person. Also, the offering, taken to support the Calvinist Cadet Corps, will not be taken by passing a plate but rather by setting a basket by the door. For those wishing to participate in the service but not attend in person, Faith livestreams their services at their website (faith-crc.org) under Media (the "live stream worship services" option) that starts 5-10 minutes before the service. Thank you for your support of your cadets.

Salt Sale Fundraiser

Covenant is joining with Bridge of Hope in a softener salt fundraiser to raise money for our Legacy fund. Look for more information coming in the next month but here are some of the key details to keep in mind. We will be asking Covenant members to buy/sell softener salt and also volunteer on delivery day. Delivery date is currently set for Saturday, **April 10**. We will need volunteers with trucks and trailers to help with the delivery of the softener salt. We will also need help loading bags onto trailers and also into homes. Start thinking about how you can help and keep an eye out for more information! Thanks for being willing to help raise funds for our kid's great education!

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.

Jake Van Wyk Art Show

You're invited to the art show, "Out of the Fire – Reclaiming 5 Decades of Art," by Jake Van Wyk at Dordt University's Campus Center art gallery, open Monday through Friday, 3:00-10:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The show will run till February 28.

Digital Zoo – A Fundraiser for Hope Haven Presented by DKOI

Join us for a drive-thru digital zoo! Come drive through Westview Business Park in Rock Valley Monday, **January 25** through Saturday, **January 30**, (open 5:30-10:00 PM each night). This event is a safe, socially distanced family outing – don't miss your chance to experience the digital zoo exhibits from the comfort of your car. All of the "exhibits" will feature a fun, digital experience on a DKOI sign – no live animals will be present. Signs will offer instructions and help guide the flow of traffic. Presented by DKOI Signs, this event is a fundraiser for Hope Haven. Please consider a freewill donation to Hope Haven. There will also be an opportunity to win fun prizes for kids – each donation to Hope Haven enters your family into the prize drawing! Learn more or donate at hopehaven.org/zoo!

Offerings for January

17	Missions Fund	24	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	31	Building Fund
Last week's offering		General Fund	\$7,615.00	Missions Fund	\$775.00
		Christian Education Fund	\$5,260.00	Building Fund	\$435.00
		Compassion/Tuition Assistance	\$280.00		

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: We invite you to read the latest newsletter from the Maletoungous [here](#), a newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church is [here](#), a newsletter from Mission India is [here](#), and a newsletter from Areopagus Campus Ministry at ISU is [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crcnapartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jasper Fedders, Jonathan Breems, Trena Van Wyk, Don Ten Napel, Amie Smit, Jeff Taylor

Thank You!

We have deeply appreciated the congregation's support during Mary's recent hospitalizations. Thanks so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, gifts, meals, etc. You have truly been a blessing to us. -Marv & Mary Wielard

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24 th	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
Monday	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	The January Series: John Manzella Elders Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM 8:00 PM	The January Series: Scott Sauls Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM 7:15 PM	GEMS Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Saturday	1:00 PM	Cookie Jar Assembly
Sunday, 31 st	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Pastor Paul Birnbaum