

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021

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 31**, 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 Paul Birnbaum will talk about transitions in life and how to find a new you. Paul works as a chaplain at a hospital in Rapid City.

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 Hope Lutheran congregation.

Cookie Jar Gift Assembly

The SAM Committee is organizing a cookie jar gift for our neighbors. We are meeting at 9:30 AM 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.

February Courier

The February Courier is back in your mailboxes this month! Our Hope Haven Dayhab friends are out and about again and they were able to fold them and put them in mailboxes for us. You can also read it [online here](#).

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!

Faith Formation Opportunity:

Are you interested in a fresh way to enrich your faith life? The Faith Formation Ministries of the CRC is offering a set of resources on Spiritual Disciplines that examines 12 faith formation practices. This online study provides opportunities to nurture your faith in intentional and creative ways. Follow this [link](#) to the Faith Formation Project to access these spiritual discipline resources.

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 and Artist's Reception

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. You are also invited to the artist's reception on Monday, **February 1** from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Offerings for January

31 Building Fund

Offerings for February

7 General/Building Fund

14 Christian Education Fund

21 Missions Fund

28 Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$1,285.00	Missions Fund	\$1,252.00
Christian Education Fund	\$2,335.00	Building Fund	\$300.00
Compassion/Tuition Assistance	\$105.94		

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 the Groenewold-Van Dyks is [here](#), a newsletter from Love, INC. is [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Deirdre Eggebeen, William Lappenga

Happy Anniversary this Week

Sos & Kara Maletoungou

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 31st	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Pastor Paul Birnbaum Cadet Sunday (at Faith CRC)
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Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
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Sunday, 7th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Formation Sunday Evening: Pastor Joel teaching on the Psalms
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