

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) 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

This Sunday, **December 26**, is the first Sunday of the Christmas season, a time to continue the celebration of Christ's birth. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

There is no Sunday evening gathering on **December 26** and **January 2**. We encourage you to spend time in fellowship, rest, and worship in other ways.

New Year's Eve Worship

We invite you to a service of worship on Friday, **December 31** at 6:00 PM as we take time to praise God for the year behind us and the year to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education Schedule

Our church education classes are taking a break until after the new year. Sunday School and Catechism resume on **January 9** and Covenant Sunday Morning resumes on **January 16**.

Office Schedule

Just a reminder that Pastor Joel will be taking some time away from **December 27-January 10**. During this time, we encourage you to contact your pastoral group elder or deacon with any pastoral needs. We also encourage you to send any prayer requests to your pastoral group elder and to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) during this time. Sara's office hours will be a bit limited this week as she takes some time off in the middle of the week to spend with family.

January Courier

The January Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

The Auction Is Coming!

The Auction at Covenant is coming (to raise funds for the Christian Education Fund) on Friday, **February 25** at 6:30 PM. Now is the time to start brainstorming – is there something you can offer? Could you host an event? Do you have items to donate? Maybe you're looking for a project to work on or recipe to perfect over these cold upcoming weeks! Mark your calendars, and we will get a sign-up sheet out after the new year. -Thanks, Christian Education Committee

Love INC Volunteer Opportunity

Love INC is looking for individuals willing to provide mentoring for participants in the Faith and Finances class this fall. Mentors will assist participants with financial goal setting, budgeting, credit (re)building, planning for debt repayment and savings. This opportunity begins on **January 25** and requires mentors to meet once a week for 45 minutes, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:15 in Rock Valley for a 12-week period. Love INC will provide mentor training and guidance before and throughout the mentoring process. Please contact Love INC (712-476-5990, ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.com).

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Join us for the Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend. We'll kick off the weekend with a worship service on Friday, **February 18**, 6:00-8:00 PM. On Saturday and Sunday, **February 19 & 20** we'll gather from 7:15 AM to 4:00 PM. Join us for part of the weekend or all of it. The theme for the weekend is renewal, focusing on scripture texts from Zechariah 4:6-10 and John 15:7, 10-12, 15. Join us for worship, large group talks, and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, **January 27**. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call (507) 215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Justice For All Utah Bus Tour

Justice For All is planning a Utah Bus Tour, focusing on our ministry partners Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. The dates are **April 5-11, 2022**. Join us, learn, and see how God is using these amazing ministries to share His love and grace to those within the FDLS communities in Utah. We will be spending time in Salt Lake City and Hildale, UT/Colorado City, AZ. We will also enjoy some of the amazing beauty of God's creation in UT. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org, 712-476-2804).

NW Iowa Bible League

Due to various physical circumstances the NW Iowa Bible League board has vacant positions. Will you make this a matter of prayer? If the Lord places the matter on your heart and you are willing to consider filling a vacancy, please contact Esther (507.350.9670 or dbesther@tcaexpress.net) for more information.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Hospitality: Read Luke 10:38-42 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you identify more with Martha or with Mary? Why? What do you think Jesus meant by saying "Few things are needed—or indeed only one"? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation.

Offerings for December

26 Tuition Assistance/Compassion Fund

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$10,545.00	Missions Fund	\$1,700.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,650.00	Building Fund	\$100.00

Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#). You can also 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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: Read the latest newsletter from the Maletoungous [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE, December 31	NEXT SUNDAY, January 2
Greeters	AM: Laremy DV, Cheri H, Val Z		AM: Wil A, Chris G, John V
Ushers	AM: Jan B, Lee M, Jeff T		AM: Jo A, Ron O, Mark T
Coffee	Isabel C, Sally J, Mark MC, Rog VH		Pat C, Dennis DJ, Luke H, Dennis VP
Subs	Mark C, Rob H, Rachel L, Don TN, Del VZ, Channon V		Lisa C, Ruth Clo, George F, Rin G, Mark H, Tricia K
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Rebecca DeVries	Jeff P ♦ ?	Eric R ♦ Dane H
Nursery Dec. POM: Janssens	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Joe & Erin E	(no nursery)	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Jason & Dani W

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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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

Ken Matheis, Dennis Vander Plaats, Thea Wyenberg, Emily Kramer, Jenni Mellema

Happy Anniversary this Week

George & Jo Faber, Dave & Jeri Schelhaas, Pastor Joel & Tricia Kok, Jeff & Shirley Taylor

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Friday	6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship
Sunday, 2nd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
