

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022

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, **January 16**, is the second Sunday after the Epiphany. Pastor Joel is preaching from the lectionary texts from I Corinthians during this season and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

We will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services use prayers and litanies from The Book of Common Prayer and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence, and meditation on scripture. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

Faith Formation Next Sunday

Because of the WE Service next Sunday, **January 23**, there will be no 6:00 PM gathering next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from CHP

Community Health Partners of Sioux County has seen an increase in illnesses in Sioux County, including influenza, COVID-19, norovirus, strep, and other viruses. Please continue to implement these steps to protect infants, the elderly, and the immune-compromised from serious complications that can follow viral illnesses:

- Stay home when you are sick – watch the service online
- Do not bring sick children to the nursery
- Wash your hands frequently
- Get vaccinated – it's not too late to get your flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine

Valet Parking

At the request of some members, the deacons have decided to bring back the valet parking service for the main doors of Covenant to assist those who may feel less comfortable with slippery sidewalks and frigid temperatures before and after the morning service. The valet service will begin this Sunday, **January 16** (for which we already have volunteers); we are asking for more volunteers beginning **January 23** and continuing through the winter months. In the past, this service was provided by the youth group and their parents (one family per week), but we are opening it up to any members who would like to help. Volunteer groups should include adults to drive the cars and others to assist with exit and entry, as needed. Volunteers will arrive at least 20 minutes before church begins and remain available after the service until everyone who used the valet has left. If you would like to sign up, please contact Ross Feikema (Ross.feikema@gmail.com).

January Series 2022

For the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 lunchtime lectures on weekdays from **January 10-28**, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CST. We invite you to watch it livestreamed here in the Covenant CRC sanctuary or watch digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details and the full schedule visit www.calvin.edu/january-series/.

WE Service

Did you hear? We will be bringing back the WE service next Sunday, **January 23**. WE services are intergenerational worship events that include a shared meal and learning together through dramas, discussion, and doing. We will begin the meal immediately after the morning service and then learn and grow together right in the fellowship hall around the tables. Using resources from the Christian Reformed Church's Faith Formation Ministry we will begin learning about the Faith Practice of Hospitality – "the act of making space for guests, visitors, or strangers, and extending to them the privileges of family." How do we do this as families or individuals? How do we do this as a church? All are welcome – visitors, college students, young, and old. See below for info regarding the meal.

Let's Share a Meal

The WE service on **January 23** will begin right after the morning service with soup provided by church. But could you help supplement our meal? If your last name begins with A-L, bring a loaf of bread to share (store-bought is fine!). If your name begins with M-Z, please bring a dozen cookies, cupcakes, or bars (something we can eat with our hands). Can't stay for the whole service? That's fine; please join us for the meal! And please sign up here by Tuesday, **January 18** if you plan to eat: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1dAuV2wH5il3dnSwlq8M42jcsCvWH7YyCd8eX8zRCA2G_8Q/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Notes from the SAM Committee

- The Service and Missions (SAM) Committee is looking to add a few members this coming year to help us as we continue organizing service and mission opportunities and look to grow more this coming year. Please reach out to Eric Rowe or any of our current members with any questions.
- The SAM Committee is beginning to explore possible ways our congregation could be involved in helping Afghan resettlement efforts which are at a critical point right now. If you would like to be part of an exploratory committee on this question, please call Jeri Schelhaas (712-441-0394). We look forward to a meeting in the next couple weeks.

Loving Our Immigrant Neighbor

Join us on Monday, **January 17** at 7 PM at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City to be part of a conversation about how the local Christian community can get involved on behalf of the Afghan people. As Jesus says in Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." The night will include the incredible story of Halima Shokuri, Northwestern student from Kabul, Afghanistan. Halima was able to leave Afghanistan as the U.S. withdrew and the Taliban took control of Kabul. She spent time working with Afghans at Ft. McCoy, and now works for the Mary Treglia House in Sioux City helping to resettle Afghan individuals and families. Click [here](#) for more information and to register and contact Jason Lief with questions (jlief@bbbimmigration.org).

Sounds of the Oboe: Voices Less Heard

Dordt oboe instructor Susan Miranda will present "Sounds of the Oboe: Voices Less Heard" on Friday, **January 21**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature the harp-oboe duo Dúo León and the saxophone-oboe duo the BS Project, in collaboration with Dr. Hannah Palmquist Hite, harp, and Brian Handeland, saxophone.

Love INC Winter Classes

Love INC of Sioux County Winter Classes begin Tuesday, **January 25**, 6:45-8:00 PM at Trinity CRC (lower level) in Rock Valley. Classes offered are Faith and Finances, Parenting, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. For more information call Love INC Sioux County (712-476-5990) or visit www.loveincsiouxcounty.org/ourministries.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Isaiah 55:10-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The verses right before this passage are about forgiveness of sins, and the verses right after are about the joy of having the curse of sin lifted. How does this passage give you hope, both for your own life and for the world? In what ways have you felt God's Word helping you and those around you "bud and flourish"? (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 Christ the King Catholic parish and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,539.00 Christian Ed. Fund \$3,522.13

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! 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. Just a reminder, it was decided at the December congregational meeting that all cash/checks will now be used as needed unless designated. (You can read more about it [here](#) on page 6.) 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 Groenewold-Van Dyks [here](#). A newsletter from Tesoros de Dios is [here](#), prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries are [here](#), and a newsletter from JFA is [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 23
Greeters	AM: Wil A, Chris G, John V	
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Ron O, Mark T	
Coffee	Pat C, Dennis DJ, Luke H, Dennis VP	
Subs	Lisa C, Ruth Clo, George F, Rin G, Mark H, Tricia K	
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Tom C	Andy L ♦ Jake M
Nursery Jan. POM: Janssens	AM: Rob & Megan H, Kurt & Sharon V	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Jeff & Sara P

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

Peregrine Groenewold, Rog Vanden Hoek, Jaren Brue, Jenni Breems, Tricia Kok, Dave Kramer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 16th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Latasha Morrison
	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Max Stossel
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	11:30 AM	The January Series: Admiral James Stavridis
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Colum McCann
Friday	11:30 AM	The January Series: N.T. Wright
Sunday, 23rd	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Lunch & WE Service