

SUNDAY, January 30, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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 30**, is the fourth 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. This morning we have the privilege of installing Rev. Paul Birnbaum as chaplain at Monument Health Center in Rapid City, SD. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **January 30**, we will gather for Cadet Sunday at Faith CRC at **5:00 PM**. There will be no evening service here at Covenant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from the Council

The Executive Committee of council is paying attention to the recent increase in flu and virus-related illnesses in our region. As we to gather for meetings and worship together in the upcoming months, we reiterate the advice provided by the Community Health Partners below in their communication to local congregations:

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

February Courier

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

Valet Parking

We are still in need of volunteers for the valet parking service for the main doors of Covenant, which assists those who may feel less comfortable with slippery sidewalks and frigid temperatures before and after the morning service. 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 at Ross.feikema@gmail.com.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be starting a new session using a Ray Vander Laan's study, "That the World May Know: Cultures in Conflict." There will be 5 meetings starting **February 6**. We meet on the first and third Sundays after the Vespers service. All are welcome to join us. Take a snack to share if you are able.

Christian Education Fund Auction

The Christian Education Fund Auction is coming on Friday, **February 25!** Start thinking of what you might be able to donate and if you are ready to add your donation to the list, click [here](#) or sign up at the welcome table in the fellowship hall!

Report on Human Sexuality

There are a few copies of the Synod report on Human Sexuality on the table in the fellowship hall. Feel free to sign a copy out and return it when you're finished with it. You can also read it online [here](#).

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **February 1**. Video: Supporting a Loved One During a Mental Health Crisis. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Dordt Orchestra Festival

On Friday, **February 4**, Dordt University will host its biennial orchestra festival. This festival features two local area high schools, along with the Dordt Chamber Orchestra. The participating schools include Unity Christian High School (Tim Van Voorst, Conductor), and Western Christian High School (Amie Smit, Conductor). The groups will combine for rehearsals and sectionals in the afternoon and will culminate in an evening concert at 7 PM in Dordt's B.J. Haan Auditorium, featuring approximately 75 string players. Each school orchestra will first perform an individual selection and the groups will then combine for four mass orchestra piece conducted by Dr. Onsby Rose, Director of Instrumental Activities, and Dr. Allegra Fisher, Assistant Director of Instrumental Activities.

Dordt PLIA Tip Night

Dordt University students hope to raise funds for PLIA (Putting Love Into Action) through a community impact night at the Sioux Center Pizza Ranch from 5-8 PM on Monday, **February 7**. A portion of all proceeds that evening as well as any tips collected will help support PLIA mission trips to help ministries across the U.S.

Broadway and Desserts Returns!

Join Dordt's Concert Choir on Saturday, **February 12** at 7:30 PM for music from much loved Broadway musicals and dessert! Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students, kids 5 and under are free and childcare is available on site. Proceeds benefit the Concert Choir's tour to Austria and the Czech Republic in May of 2022. Tickets can be purchased until **February 8** from Dordt's music office (712-722-6222) or from a Concert Choir student – our very own Covenant family has many. We'd love to see you there!

The Return of "An Oldie but a Goodie"

Upon request from our students who have aged out of the the Minn-i-Kota Youth Jr High Retreat, we are bringing back the High School Retreat. Join us Presidents' Day Weekend, **February 18-20**, at the Bethel CRC Lighthouse building. Our theme is "Belong" (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1). For more information, ask your Youth Leaders or contact Lee De Groot (712 470 4244). Deadline for registration is **February 5**. Check it out on the Minnikota Youth website or Facebook page.

Hiring Youth Coordinator:

The Minn-I-Kota Youth Network is an organization with the goal to empower, encourage, and equip youth ministry programs at churches in the Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland Classes. After 12 years of faithful service Lee De Groot plans to step down from her role as Youth Coordinator at the end of 2022. The MIK Youth Board intends to hire a new coordinator by September 2022 to train alongside Lee. Those seeking to apply must have a love for Christ and be a member of good standing in a church that teaches Reformed doctrine. Applicants must have a heart for youth ministry and should be gifted in administrative skills as well as event planning. For a job description and information on how to apply, please contact dan@bethelcsc.org (subject line "MIK Youth Coordinator Position") by **April 10**.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read James 1:22-25 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How might "merely listening to the word" cause us to deceive ourselves? The command to "do what it says" is pretty plain. But what if we disagree about what God's Word says or how to apply it? How do we find clarity? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Last week's offering General Fund \$5,945.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,485.00

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 Hope Haven [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, February 6
Greeters	AM: Wil A, Chris G, John V	AM: Terry F, Mimi K, Linda V
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Ron O, Mark T	AM: Jo F, Rock MC, John Z
Coffee	Pat C, Dennis DJ, Luke H, Dennis VP	Mary D, Rebecca DV, Marcy H, Stan VB
Subs	Lisa C, Ruth Clo, George F, Rin G, Mark H, Tricia K	Donna B, Marge DB, Sarah H, Cal J, Dave S, Sharon V
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Jeff P ♦ Dane H
Nursery Jan. POM: Janssens	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Lee R	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Chris & Rin G

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

Amie Smit, Jeff Taylor, Deirdre Eggebeen, William Lappenga, Micah Moss

Happy Anniversary this Week

Sos & Kara Maletoungou

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 30th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Cadet Sunday at Faith CRC
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Youth Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) with Unity Knightsounds Sunday Evening Bible Study