

SUNDAY, February 13, 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, **February 13**, is the sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. Pastor Joel is continuing to preach from the lectionary texts in I Corinthians during this season and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper each Sunday. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **February 13**, 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.

Next Sunday Evening

Next Sunday evening, **February 20**, we will spend time listening to a few speakers and engaging in dialogue about the different times in life. We will give particular attention to how to flourish as we advance in age, and we trust that people of all ages can find that a good subject for reflection. We do this as part of our practice of holding such formation gatherings one Sunday per month (so we will resume Vespers services on **February 27**).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refugee Resettlement Updates

- You are invited to a prayer meeting for Refugee Resettlement this Sunday, **February 13**, at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Together we will ask the Lord for His blessing and guidance as we make plans to help refugees, pray for all refugees and particularly those who may be coming our way, pray for our teams of volunteers, and thank God for the gifts he has already given our efforts.
- Check your church mailboxes as well as church emails for updates on refugee resettlement at Covenant.
- Call or email to volunteer for our resettlement efforts soon because we need to be ready for our guests by early March.

Church Education Schedule

Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning on Sunday, **February 20**.

Christian Education Fund Auction

The Christian Education Fund Auction is coming on Friday, **February 25**! We are excited to see donations rolling in, and we encourage you to check out the donation list and see what you might be able to add! Click [here](#) to add your donation or sign up at the welcome table in the fellowship hall!

Save the Date!

Springtime equals the Covenant-BOH Salt Sale Fundraiser! So put this year's salt delivery day, **April 23**, on your calendar! It will be all hands on deck as we once again sell softener salt and hand deliver it to our buyers. Order sheets will be in mailboxes at the beginning of March. Thanks for your help in making this a successful fundraiser for the Christian Ed Fund.

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](#).

Biblical and Reformed in 2022

The past two years have been a time of exceptional upheaval for Christian Reformed congregations. We are surrounded by worry, fear, anger, doubt, and division. Even so, God is on the throne! The "tree" may be shaking in the storm, but we have strong biblical and reformed roots. Former Dordt professor Dr. Syd Hielema, who has served the denomination these last eight years, will reflect on the role of these roots as a source of strength and stability in challenging times. "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." (Psalm 1:3) You are invited to an interactive presentation, discussion, and time of prayer at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center on Tuesday, **March 1** from 7:00-8:30 PM. We hope that you can join us!

Kindergarten Round Up

Do you know a child who is ready to start school this fall? It is Round Up time at Sioux Center Christian School and we are excited to share how your child will learn and live God's Story at our school! A Parent Information meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 1** and Round Up is **March 24 & 25**. Please visit www.siouxcenterchristian.com/admissions for more details or contact the school office if you have any questions (722-0777 or email sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com).

Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents organist Kent Tritle in a solo organ recital on Saturday, **February 19**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. (You can read more about him [here](#).) His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing nationally-acclaimed organists to Dordt University.

Hope Haven Fundraiser

Hope Haven is excited to announce a new fundraising event, "Bloom Where You Are Planted," a women's event on **February 24**, at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. This event will feature a "make & take" floral design class with Indigo Row Floral Design, and an organization presentation from Professional Organizer Michelle Kuiken of The Proper Place. To learn more or purchase tickets for this Hope Haven fundraiser, visit hopehaven.org/events or call 712-476-2737.

Ready, Set Register!

Summer Camp registration at Inspiration Hills is open! Check out inspirationhills.org/summer-camp to register, to find information about how to register, for camp options for 1st-12th grade and family/grand camp, dates/pricing, scholarship opportunities, and more! Save money by registering before **April 15**!

Inspire 2022: Early Bird Rate

Join believers from across the continent **August 4-6** in the Chicago area for a time of encouragement, renewal, and fellowship. Registration is now open! Register now for early-bird pricing of only \$95 USD/CDN (\$110 after **March 31**) plus flexibility if your plans change. This year's theme, Inspired to Be One, focuses on celebrating our diversity in the CRCNA, as well as the need for us to come together as one church. Inspire will connect people across generations, cultures, and missions, reorienting us in the hope of God's kingdom. Find information and registration at crcna.org/inspire.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 10:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What examples of unjust laws or oppressive decrees do you see in your community or your country? Throughout the Bible, God's voice rings out to support people who are poor and oppressed and to protect them from injustice. In your opinion, does the church's passion for justice and mercy match God's? Why or why not? (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 First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Last week's offering General Fund \$5,580.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,700.00

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 the Groenewold-Van Dyks [here](#) and a 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	NEXT SUNDAY, February 20
Greeters	AM: Terry F, Mimi K, Linda V	
Ushers	AM: Jo F, Rock MC, John Z	
Coffee	Mary D, Rebecca DV, Marcy H, Stan VB	
Subs	Donna B, Marge DB, Sarah H, Cal J, Dave S, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Rebecca DV	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery Jan. POM: Janssens	AM: Dave & Emily K, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Steve & Pat C

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

Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp, Marilyn Mouw, Sanneke Kok, Jim Schaap, Joe Eggebeen, Ryan Smit, Dennis DeJong

Thank You!

Thank you for your care and concern for me over the last several months. Radiation treatments are finished and all is well. With flowers and treats, notes and visits, calls and prayers, you have reminded both Dave and me that we are part of a beloved community and under the care of our most loving God.

-Jeri Schelhaas

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Afghan Refugee Resettlement Prayer Time Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Youth Group Cadet Pinewood Derby (at Covenant)
Thursday	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
Sunday, 20th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Formation Gathering Sunday Evening Bible Study