

**SUNDAY, February 20, 2022**

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## **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, **February 20**, is the seventh 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. We are also grateful this morning to witness the profession of faith of Ezra Landman, son of Andy and Rachel. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This Sunday evening at 6:00 PM, we will hold a formation gathering to discuss how we participate in the work of God as we advance in age. Mark Christians will convene a panel consisting of Duane Bajema, Rin Goedhart, Len Rhoda, Mary Ploegstra, and Dennis Vander Plaats. After panel members have done some reflecting, we can have a Q & A dialogue for the remainder of the hour. People of all generations are invited.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Education Schedule**

Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning this Sunday, **February 20**. Classes will resume next Sunday, **February 27** at 9:00 AM.

### **March Courier**

Do you have anything you'd like to include in the March Courier? Email it to the church office by Monday, **February 21**!

### **GEMS Ice Skating Party**

The GEMS Ice Skating party which was postponed in December will be held at the All Seasons Center on Wednesday, **February 23**, 6:45-8:45 PM. Girls are encouraged to wear their fun, festive Christmas wear! We will enjoy ice skating, games, and a snack. Bring your own skates if you have them.

### **Christian Education Fund Auction**

The Covenant CRC auction night is approaching quickly, and you are in for a real night of fun and community! Our very own Tom Clark will be our brave auctioneer this year and he will be aided and abetted by Mark Christians, your host for the evening. The auction begins at 6:30 PM on Friday, **February 25**, and we can't wait for you to see all the fun items up for bidding this year! We've got delicious pork, beautiful jade plants, personal concerts and juggling shows, biking expeditions, meals from around the world, and more! You can sneak a peek at the item list when you sign up to donate something of your own! This is a family friendly evening, and we will have some blankets and tables nearby with activities for children – and we encourage you to go ahead and let those kids be on screens while you enjoy some fun bidding up your friends. No judgement! If you are a snowbird or just can't be present that night and you still want to bid on any of the items, contact Mark ahead of Friday, either by phone (712-441-1926) or email ([mark.christians@dordt.edu](mailto:mark.christians@dordt.edu)). Let's raise some money for Christian Education! The link for donating items is [here](#) or you can sign up at the welcome table.

### **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!

### **Refugee Resettlement Updates**

Just a reminder that if you have household goods (beds, dressers, lamps, bedding, kitchen items, etc.) that you could donate, email Len & Lee Rhoda ([rhoda@mtcnet.net](mailto:rhoda@mtcnet.net)) And call or email to volunteer for our resettlement efforts soon because we need to be ready for our guests by early March!

### **CRC Survey**

Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2022 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/8779](http://crcna.org/survey/8779) to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

### **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](#).

### **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](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/admissions) for more details or contact the school office if you have any questions (722-0777 or email [sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com)).

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jazz Concert**

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Saturday, **February 26** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, pop tune covers, and newer works. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/livestream](http://www.dordt.edu/livestream).

**Friendship Bible Class Volunteer Needed**

A newcomer to Sioux Center is interested in joining the Friendship Bible Class, but he needs a mentor. This would be a six-week commitment (75 minutes on Thursday evenings through the end of March). We are praying for a male mentor—a person willing to sit alongside this young man to participate in group singing, encourage good listening, and model an attitude of Christian discipleship—while enjoying the company of others on a similar journey. For more information, contact Marian Smit (712-441-9243).

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip**

The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 58:9-10 and ponder or discuss the following questions. A yoke is a type of harness used with a team of animals, typically oxen. Usually made of wood and iron, it's heavy and rigid, and it restricts the animals' freedom to move. In the Bible the word "yoke" is used to describe being bound to something or someone, for better or for worse. With this in mind, how would you describe "the yoke of oppression"? How might your church begin to meet the needs of the oppressed and "do away with the yoke of oppression"? What practical steps might you take? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jamie Dykstra.

**Last week's offering**                      General Fund                      \$7,700.00                      Christian Education Fund                      \$3,675.00

**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 27
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Terry F, Mimi K, Linda V	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Jo F, Rock MC, John Z	
<b>Coffee</b>	Mary D, Rebecca DV, Marcy H, Stan VB	
<b>Subs</b>	Donna B, Marge DB, Sarah H, Cal J, Dave S, Sharon V	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Doug DB ♦ Tom C	Andy L ♦ Jason W
<b>Nursery</b> Feb. POM: Janssens	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Steve & Pat C	AM: Duane & Jan B, Daryl & Deb H

**Encouraging our Missionaries**

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

Kelly & April Crull                      Gianni & Georgina Gracia                      Sos & Kara Maletoungou                      Mike & Megan Ribbens                      Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**  
 June DeWit, Dan Altena, Sandi Altena, Ross Feikema

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Formation Gathering: Panel on Aging Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM 6:45 PM 7:15 PM	Prayer Group GEMS Ice Skating Party (at All Seasons Center) Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	The Colossian Forum
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 PM	Christian Education Fund Auction
<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	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) ETM (at First CRC)