

SUNDAY, January 22, 2023

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

Today, **January 22**, is the third Sunday after the Epiphany and Pastor Joel will be preaching from the gospel lectionary readings in this season. In upcoming readings from Matthew, we will hear Jesus teaching us all to follow him as disciples participating in the kingdom of heaven that Jesus brings to earth. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Cadet Sunday Vespers

This 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. This week is also Cadet Sunday, so we will welcome Cadets and members from Faith CRC and Bridge of Hope as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cadet Sunday

This Sunday evening, **January 22**, we will celebrate Cadet Sunday at 6:00 PM at Covenant CRC. Cadets in attendance should be at Covenant by 5:40 PM in full uniform. An offering will be taken to support the Calvinist Cadet Corps. Thank you for your support of the Cadets program.

February Courier

Do have something to include in the February Courier? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **January 23!**

January Series

This is the last week of the January Series of Calvin University here at Covenant! From **January 9-27**, we will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series each weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It is free and open to the public. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit calvin.edu/january-series.

Support for Lauren

This spring, Lauren Vander Plaats is going on a three-week exchange program to the Netherlands. She will be joined by five other Western students and 30 students from South Africa, Canada, and Michigan at Greijdanus College in Zwolle. Lauren is selling washcloths (\$20 for a bundle of five) and homemade dog cookies (bags of ten: \$3 for small treats, \$5 for medium-sized, and \$7 for large) to offset expenses. Email Lauren at laurenvanderplaats@gmail.com or text (712) 441-5515 for more information or to order.

Love & Learn Classes

If you or someone you know is interested in building financial skills, developing healthier relationships, learning how the church can best serve the community and be good stewards, or is grieving the loss of a loved one, Love INC has opportunities to grow in knowledge in these areas. Love INC is offering 12-week classes every Tuesday night beginning **January 24**. The classes being offered this winter are Faith & Finances, Redemptive Compassion, Boundaries, and Grief Share. For more information or to register for a class, visit the Love INC Sioux County web page, email us at ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org, or call us at 712-476-5990.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$9,609.25	Christian Education Fund	\$5,883.00
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Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/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: A newsletter from the Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's January prayer requests are [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 29
Greeters	AM: Dennis DJ, Kathy DW, Marty VP	
Ushers	AM: Rebecca DS, Deb H, Dennis VP	
Coffee	Wil A, Mary D, Mark MC, Courtney R, Marv W	
Subs	Dan A, Steve C, Doug DB, Luke H, Lois VZ, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Terry F	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Ron & Carol O

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Jonathan Breems

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 22nd	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer): Cadet Sunday Service
Monday	11:30 AM 6:45 PM 7:30 PM	The January Series: Ken Jennings Deacons Meeting Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Peter Wehner
Wednesday	10:00 AM 11:30 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Group The January Series: Esau McCauley Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:30 PM	Women's Book Study The January Series: Efosa Ojomo Breaking Bread Gathering
Friday	11:30 AM	The January Series: Kate Bowler
Sunday, 29th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer):