

SUNDAY, February 5, 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, **February 5**, is the fifth 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](#).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Opportunity to Help

The snow and icy conditions this winter have caused difficulty for some of our older church members who sometimes end up walking in difficult winter conditions when they are unable to find parking close to the church. Can you help? If you are able, we'd love it if you could leave some of the parking spots in the church lot available for older members who would appreciate shorter walking distances. Thank you!

Choir Opportunity

We would love to gather a choir to help lead our Vespers service on Sunday, **February 12**. We invite singers middle school age and up to join us in rehearsals on Sunday, **February 5** at 5:00 PM and **February 12** at 4:30 PM.

Covenant Sunday Morning

This spring we have decided to focus on the question "How is God working in and through your ministry?" We will highlight both ministries happening within the Covenant congregation, but also those happening outside Covenant – even amongst other area churches. Sos and Kara Maletoungou will be coming to Covenant on Sunday, **February 12** to share their work and ministry with Resonate and ACSI. We will meet at 9 AM in the Youth Room in the basement. Hope to see many of you there to interact with the Maletoungous.

Warm Winter Wednesday!

We're looking forward to a Warm Winter Wednesday scheduled for **February 15** at 5:30 PM prior to the Cadent Pinewood Derby at 7:15 that evening. A pizza dinner will be provided, though we will have a freewill offering to cover expenses. If you have an old pinewood derby car at home (or a few of them to share), please bring it along, and we'll test out the track with a few races of our own. Join the fun!

Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and we will gather for a service of worship with the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, **February 22** at 6:30 PM to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

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 7**. Speaker: Nathan Huyser: "10 Years with Serious Mental Illness: Stories, Lessons, and Hope." Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Broadway & Desserts

The Dordt University Concert Choir cordially invites you to come and enjoy an enchanting evening of Broadway tunes and sweet treats on Saturday, **February 11** at 7:30 PM in the Campus Center on Dordt's campus. You'll hear songs from a wide variety of well-loved musicals, and you'll be served delectable desserts by choir members while you listen! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students. Kids 5 and under are free, and childcare is available on-site. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, **February 7** from the Music Department Office (722-6222 anna.bartlett@dordt.edu) or from a Concert Choir singer. Proceeds will go toward future Concert Choir tours or other choral events.

Piano Recital

Dordt University student Joya Schreurs will present a junior piano recital at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **February 18**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature repertoire from the major style periods, including compositions by Bach, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Griffes, and Berthume. A notable feature of the repertoire is the pairing of Rachmaninoff's Prelude in D Major (Op. 23 No. 4) and Prelude in B Minor (Op. 32 No. 10). While the first prelude is lyrical and lush, the second exhibits a solemn melody that gives way to an agitated section, utilizing the full tonal range of Dordt's Steinway. The recital will also feature a piano trio with Dordt University juniors Karli Vanden Brink on violin and Aaron Galloway on cello. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jesse Henkle.

Last week's offering General Fund \$15,881.00 Christian Education Fund \$7,204.00

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 February 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, February 12
Greeters	AM: Erin E, Andy L, John Z	
Ushers	AM: Lee M, Jeff T, Linda V	
Coffee	Isabel C, Mary D, Cheri H, Sanneke K, Linda VH	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Pat C, Jason H, Ron O, Channon V	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ ♦ Marty VP	Andy L ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Dennis & Pam DJ	AM: Joe & Erin E, Kathy DW

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Wil Alberda, Jane Taylor

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 5th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)