

SUNDAY, February 19, 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 19**, is Transfiguration Sunday. On this last Sunday before the season of Lent begins, we remember this gospel story in which we see all the glory and transcendence of God displayed in Jesus' human body. Pastor Joel will again preach from the gospel lectionary reading. This Sunday we are also blessed to witness the profession of faith of Cambri Zonnefeld, daughter of Ryan and Val and sister to Caden and Jocelyn. 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

Church Education Schedule

All church education classes will take a break this Sunday, **February 19** and will resume on **February 26!**

Edifying Engagement

After our morning worship today, **February 19**, Pastor Joel and a few members will convene a dialogue regarding what to hope and how to pray for our denomination in a divided time. Pastor Joel will share a bit about his participation in a group called "Better Together: A Third Way."

March Courier

If you have something you'd like to include in the March Courier, send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **February 20!**

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.

Women's Gathering

Join us on Friday, **February 24** at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall for an evening of eating and learning how to make some of our favorite, fast snacks. Demonstrations and tastings will be enjoyed. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the table in the fellowship hall or [online](https://forms.gle/Lm2yknSAE9254TJH6) (<https://forms.gle/Lm2yknSAE9254TJH6>).

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. On Sunday, **February 26**, Verlyn De Wit will be our speaker sharing about the ministry he's been involved in for many years in the country of Laos, training Christian leaders and pastors as well as providing wheelchairs to disabled persons. He will share about his recent trip to Laos and how the ministry continues to be a blessing. We will meet at 9 AM in the Youth Room in the basement.

Note from the Cadets

The Cadets would like to thank Pastor Joel, Pastor Bob, and Dave Ruter for judging the cars at the pinewood derby. We would like to thank Covenant for hosting us, and all of those who attended for coming and supporting the boys. We would also like to congratulate all the winners. Reminder that our next meeting has been moved to **March 1**.

SCCS 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! Please go to siouxcenterchristian.com for more information. Our Parent Information meetings are on Thursday, **March 2**, and Round Up is **March 30 & 31**. A child must be 5 years old by **September 15** to enroll in either TK or K. Please contact the office if you have any questions (722-0777; sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com).

4th Avenue Jazz

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Saturday, **February 25** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured will be the 4th Avenue Singers directed by Rob Hobgood and 4th Avenue Band directed by Kevin Linder. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, solos, and collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

World Renew Earthquake Response

World Renew is responding to people who are suffering after the February 6 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria. You can help provide emergency aid to people who desperately need it through World Renew. You are invited to give generously today at worldrenew.net.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,500.13 Christian Education Fund \$3,062.50

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 26
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	Nick B ♦ Terry F	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Jason & Dani W, Tom & Ruth C	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Jake & Trena VW

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
Dennis DeJong, June DeWit

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 19th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Edifying Engagement
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Friday	7:00 PM	Women's Gathering
Sunday, 26th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)