

SUNDAY, January 14, 2024

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, on this second Sunday after Epiphany, we welcome Dr. Justin Bailey to the pulpit to preach while Pastor Joel takes some time off. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Vespers

Due to various plans changing this week, there will be no evening gathering this Sunday at Covenant. Instead we encourage you gather with another local church or find another devotional way to spend your Sunday evening. A few reminders: next week Sunday, **January 21**, we will worship at Faith CRC for Cadet Sunday. And on **January 28** we will be gathering back in the Covenant fellowship hall for a WE service – an intergenerational, informal worship service and meal. That gathering will begin at 5:00 PM and serves as our 50th Anniversary event for January. Come ready to party as we learn about the faith practice of Celebration. Keep your eye out for more information and [sign up here](#) if you plan to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at SCCS

Just a reminder that in January through March, our Sunday morning worship services will be held at Sioux Center Christian School while our Sanctuary Refresh project is going on. Check the [January Courier](#) for more information! A few important reminders: please use only the main entrance to enter and exit the building, we'd like the able-bodied to reserve the "Visitor Parking" for elderly and handicapped parking, and after the service, pick up your color-coded chair and return it to the correct color-coded chair rack! (Volunteers will be at the racks to assist you.)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Would you be able to help set up chairs at SCCS before our morning services? We're looking for 3-4 people to help each week. Sign up [here](#).
- The newly formed Senior Needs Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with a valet service before Sunday morning worship at SCCS. We need two volunteers for each morning service to assist people into the building (if needed) and park the car, and then after the service, retrieve the car and accompany people to their vehicle. If you're willing to help with this, please [sign up here](#) or contact the church office.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday evening Bible study will be resuming with a new study on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings after our Vespers service. We will be watching a six-session video series by Max Lucado on the book of Romans titled "In the Grip of Grace". Everyone is invited to join the group – bring a snack to share if you come! The first meeting is **January 21** after the Cadet Sunday service at Faith CRC.

Going once... Going twice... Sold!

Covenant CRC get ready for another great night of fun and community as we once again host the bi-annual Christian Education Auction! If you haven't already, circle **February 23** on your calendars! This event will be in the church fellowship hall. Many details are still being ironed out, but more information will continue to trickle in over the next few weeks so keep your eyes peeled for announcements from the Christian Ed committee. While you wait, start signing up to contribute to this year's auction – nothing is too small to bid on! Some of our more popular items over the years are themed dinner parties, artwork, and baked goods. Kids and young adults—don't be afraid to offer babysitting, plant watering, or pet sitting services. Or maybe you have a great recipe to share! Some baked goods auctioned off over the years have included bread, cinnamon rolls, and cakes. Handcrafted items are always welcome as well! Perhaps you have a skill you can offer to teach someone? We would love to have a wide variety of auction items that will allow for people to give as they are able. Here is the google sign-up sheet: [2024 Christian Ed Auction items](#). Because of the construction we won't have a physical sign-up sheet in church, so if you are not tech-savvy, feel free to contact Emily Kramer (evanderhart@yahoo.com or call 712-441-7539) and I will add your item to the sheet. Thank you for all you do to help us meet our Christian Education commitments!

Nursery Toys

Do you have some toys that your kids have outgrown? The nursery could use some replacements for some of our toys that have seen better days. If you have any toys for ages 0-2 that your family no longer uses, please contact Courtney Rylaarsdam or Jenni Mellema, or bring them to the nursery entryway during our sanctuary refresh project. Thanks!

Church Mailboxes

If you forgot to check your church mailbox or haven't been around the last few weeks, feel free to stop by church and check it! New church directories were added to your boxes before Christmas and there may be other treasures to take home!

Profession of Faith & Membership Orientation Gatherings

Are you interested in learning more about making profession of faith? Would you like to gather with others for a Membership Orientation class? Pastor Joel hopes to offer some opportunities to explore both of these things in the new year. Contact him if you're interested! (joelekok@gmail.com)

Informational Meeting

The Classical Academy of Sioux Center is a new classical, Christian K-12 school opening in Sioux Center in August, 2024. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 18** at 7 PM in Room A of the Sioux Center Library. We encourage all interested parents to attend! Please email theclassicalacademysc@gmail.com with questions and check out our Facebook page for more information.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Pollema.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,425.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,075.00

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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's December 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 21
Greeters	AM: Deb H, Rock MC, Len R	
Ushers	AM: Dennis DJ, Mark H, Marty VP	
Coffee	(none needed)	
Subs	Wil A, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Del VZ, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ ♦ Tom C	Andy L ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Mark & Lisa C, Channon & Joni V	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Laura J

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Becky Donahue, Pastor Joel Kok, Michael Vander Plaats, Peregrine Groenewold, Rog Vanden Hoek, Jenni Breems, Tricia Kok, Dave Kramer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 14th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 21st	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
	5:00 PM	Cadet Sunday Worship (at Faith CRC)
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study (at Covenant)