

SUNDAY, January 21, 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 third Sunday after Epiphany, we welcome Pastor Joel back to the pulpit! He'll be preaching from the [lectionary](#) passages from Mark for the next few weeks. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Worship

This Sunday, **January 21**, we will worship at Faith CRC for Cadet Sunday at 5:00 PM. An offering will be received for Calvinist Cadet Corps. Cadets should be in uniform and meet in the back of the fellowship hall at 4:40 PM.

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.)

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.

February Courier

I'll be working on the Courier this week – have anything to add? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **January 22!**

WE Service

At **5:00 PM** (note the time!) on Sunday, **January 28** we will be gathering in the Covenant fellowship hall for a WE service – an intergenerational, informal worship event and meal. This gathering serves as our 50th Anniversary event for January. Young and old and in between, come ready to party as we learn how Celebrating is a Faith Practice. Covenant will provide the meal including an ice cream sundae bar (because it's a party). [Sign up here](#) or at the welcome table if you plan to come!

Justice & Mercy Committee Formation

Are you interested in learning and conversing about how our church could be more engaged in efforts related to justice and mercy? Contact Ruth Clark (tomandruth@gmail.com) if you are interested in discussing these ideas more. And/or show up on Monday, **February 5** from 7-8 PM at the Fruited Plain to chat. This is simply beginning conversations that, we hope, will lead to small actions with great love over the upcoming years. High school, college, and young adults are especially encouraged to come!

WWW Pizza & Game Night

Mark your calendars for a Warm Winter Weekend Pizza and Game Night on Saturday, **February 10** at Covenant. Come and enjoy a free-will offering pizza meal from 5:30-6:30 PM and stay for board games, card games, and indoor yard games for all ages from 6:30-9:00 PM. Bring a snack to share and get ready for some fun!

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.

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

Get ready for another great night of fun and community as we once again host the bi-annual Christian Education Auction on **February 23!** This event will be in the church fellowship hall. More details will come, but we encourage you to start signing up here to contribute to this year's auction: [2024 Christian Ed Auction items](#). If you aren't 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. And an exciting addition to the auction this year – we will be adding a book sale to the auction! If you have gently used books to donate, please consider saving them for the auction! We will add them to the silent auction – \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. We will collect the books much closer to the auction date but keep this in mind!

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!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

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 28
Greeters	AM: Deb H, Rock MC, Len R	
Ushers	AM: Dennis DJ, Mark H, Marty VP	
Subs	Wil A, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Del VZ, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Andy L + Jason W	Nick B + James R
Nursery	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Laura J	AM: Laremy & Becca DV, Alejandro & Isabel C

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
Jonathan Breems

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 21st	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) Cadet Sunday Worship (at Faith CRC) Sunday Evening Bible Study (at Covenant)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 28th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) WE Service and meal