

SUNDAY, January 28, 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 fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Pastor Joel will continue preaching from the [lectionary](#) passages in Mark. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening WE Service

At **5:00 PM** (note the time!) this 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).

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.

February Courier

The February Courier is ready for pick up at table with bulletins or can be found [online](#). (It won't be in mailboxes this month!).

Church Education Restarting!

Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning will start again next Sunday morning, **February 4** at 9:00 AM!

Justice & Mercy Committee Formation

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 and/or show up on Monday, **February 5**, 7-8 PM, at the Fruited Plain to chat. These are 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! If you plan to eat with us that evening, could you please [sign up here](#) so we know how much pizza to order?

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

The Christian Education Auction is coming on **February 23**! We're looking forward to a night of fun and it's time 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 712-441-7539) and she will add your item to the list. 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 silent auction – \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks.

Share Your Voice

The 50th Anniversary Committee is asking each Covenant member/family to write a short reflection (no longer than 330 words) to be included in the 50th Anniversary book. We have received a number of lovely contributions, but we want to hear

from as many people as possible! We want to hear your voice whether you've been a member for three months or 30 years. Your reflection will accompany your member photo in the book. If you would like to follow a prompt, consider these: (1) How has God blessed you at Covenant? or (2) Share a favorite Covenant story/memory. Our submission deadline is **March 1**; please email your submission to your pastoral group elder. Thank you!

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 Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

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, February 4
Greeters	AM: Deb H, Rock MC, Len R	AM: Terry F, Megan H, Dennis VP
Ushers	AM: Dennis DJ, Mark H, Marty VP	AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Kris VP
Subs	Wil A, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Del VZ, John Z	Bob DS, Rachel L, Carol O, Linda V, Laurey Z
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ James R	Doug DB ♦ John S
Nursery	AM: Laremy & Becca DV, Alejandro & Isabel C	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Ryan & Val Z

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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



Happy Birthday this Week

Don Ten Napel, Trena Van Wyk, Amie Smit, Jeff Taylor, Phil Postma, Micah Moss

Happy Anniversary this Week

Sos & Kara Maletoungou

Membership transfers

Chris and Jemmie Dyk have transferred their membership to First CRC in Denver, CO.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 28th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
	5:00 PM	WE Service and meal
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study (at Covenant)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 4th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study