

**SUNDAY, February 11, 2024**

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## **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, is Transfiguration Sunday, an event that prepared Jesus for his passion and death and prepares us for the Lenten journey ahead. Dr. Justin Bailey will be preaching this Sunday. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Vespers**

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will also take time to share our Joys and Concerns and offer those to God.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Join us as we gather for an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM on **February 14** to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Our service this year will combine elements of the Anglican Compline service (similar to Vespers) with the observance of Ash Wednesday, when we sharpen our awareness of how much we need Jesus Christ, the Messiah, who died for our sins and rose victorious on Easter. The word "Compline" comes from *compleo*, a Latin word that means "complete," so this is a service of prayer at the completion of the day. Compline is a time to reflect on the day past, confess your sins, and commit yourself to God's care, just as Lent is a time to reflect on our lives, repent of our sins, and commit ourselves to following Christ more completely. We hope you will join us in the fellowship hall for this service which will include the imposition of ashes, moments of silence, singing and prayer.

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## **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. 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.)

### **Church Education Schedule**

Just a reminder that there will no Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning next Sunday, **February 18**.

### **Going once... Going twice... Sold!**

Covenant CRC, get ready for another great night of fun and community as we again host the bi-annual Christian Education Auction! If you haven't already, mark **February 23** at 6:30 PM on your calendars! This event will be in the church fellowship hall. The doors will open at 6:00 and the silent auction will also begin at that time. Nursery will be provided for children through age 4 and other childcare options will be available for elementary-aged children. Struggling to come up with something to contribute to the auction? Some of our more popular items over the years have been 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! Baked goods auctioned off over the years have included bread, cinnamon rolls, and cakes. Hand crafted items are always welcome! 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 in the back of church, so if you are not tech savvy, feel free to contact Emily Kramer ([evanderhart@yahoo.com](mailto:evanderhart@yahoo.com) or 712-441-7539) and I will get your item added to the sheet. This year we will be adding a book sale to the auction! If you have gently used books to donate, please consider them for the auction. We will be adding them to the silent auction for a set price of \$2 for hardcover and \$1 for paperback and payment will be on the honor system with a donation bucket for the book purchases. Please do not bring any items for the auction or books to church until Thursday, **February 22**. More information will be coming on times for you to drop off items. Thank you for all you do to help us meet our Christian Education commitments!

### **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 Senior Needs Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with a valet service before Sunday morning worship at SCCS. We need two volunteers to assist people into the building (if needed), park the car, and then after the service, retrieve the car and accompany people to their vehicle. If you're willing to help, please [sign up here](#) or contact the office.

## 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!

## Dordt Cultural Fair

The Dordt University Cultural Fair will be held on Saturday, **February 17**, from 5-7:30 PM at the Grille in the Campus Center. Come and experience different cultures to see God's grace through a variety of countries.

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Hope Lutheran congregation.

## Last week's offering

General Fund: \$6,566.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,423.59

## 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 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 18
Greeters	AM: Terry F, Megan H, Dennis VP	
Ushers	AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Kris VP	
Subs	Bob DS, Rachel L, Carol O, Linda V, Laurey Z	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Terry F	Nick B ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Barb T	AM: Jason & Dani W, Ron & Carol O

## 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  
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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

*Robbin Eppinga, Les Sybesma, Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp, Marilyn Mouw, Sanneke Kok, Jim Schaap, Josh Van Schouwen*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup></b>	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)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	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