

SUNDAY, February 18, 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, is the first Sunday in the season of Lent. This is a time of journeying toward the cross as we daily die to ourselves and rise with Christ in the hope that comes with the empty tomb. Pastor Joel will be preaching through the [Lectionary](#) Psalms during this season. 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.

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

There is no Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning this Sunday, **February 18**. Classes will resume on **February 25**.

Cadet Announcements

- The Cadets will be adding lead to their pinewood derby cars on Wednesday, **February 21**. If you need help with this, have your son come to this week's meeting with their car. If you have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or fbcadets@gmail.com). The Pinewood Derby is Wednesday, **February 28** at the SCCS gym. Weigh-in will start at 6:15 PM and the races will begin at 6:30 PM. All family members are invited to come to watch.
- The Cadets are looking for good used hand and power tool donations. If you have something to donate or would like to know what we are looking for, please contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or fbcadets@gmail.com).

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

The auction is almost here! Join us this Friday, **February 23**, in the church fellowship hall for a night of fun and fundraising for our Christian Education Fund! The doors will open and the silent auction will start at 6:00 PM and the live auction will begin at 6:30 PM. Nursery will be provided for children through age 4 and activities will be available for elementary-aged children. We would love to have a wide variety of auction items that will allow for people to give as they are able, so now is the time to add your creative contributions! Sign up here: [2024 Christian Ed Auction items](#) or contact Emily Kramer with your auction contribution (evanderhart@yahoo.com or 712-441-7539). 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. Payment will be on the honor system with a donation bucket available. Watch for more information this coming week about dropping off auction donations!

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!

Refresh Project Loans

Covenant may need some additional private loans in March or April to fund the remainder of the Refresh Project. Costs. If you have not already contacted the Treasurer (John Visser) or one of the deacons about a willingness to lend, please do so within the next few weeks.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Would you be able to help set up chairs at SCCS before our morning services? 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.

Sioux Center Christian Kindergarten Round Up

Do you or someone you know have a little one who has reached the right age to attend Sioux Center Christian School? It is TK/Kindergarten Round Up time, and we are excited to share how your child will learn and live out God's Story at our school! A Round Up parent information meeting will be held at SC Christian School on Thursday, **February 29**, and Round Up assessments are on **March 21 & 22**. Please call or email the school office if you have any questions or to register for these events (712-722-0777; sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$3,156.00

Christian Education Fund: \$710.00

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 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 25
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	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Andy L ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Jason & Dani W, Ron & Carol O	AM: Chris & Rin G, Jeff & Sara P

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

Ryan Smit, Dennis DeJong, June De Wit

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall) Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Friday	6:00 PM	Christian Education Auction
Sunday, 25th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
