

SUNDAY, February 25, 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 second Sunday of Lent. This season 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. We won't celebrate the Lord's Table this morning, but come back this evening for an opportunity to gather at the Table. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Gathering

Our evening gathering at 6:00 PM will break from our usual Vespers pattern. This evening we will gather for scripture, song, and celebration of the Lord's Supper, and in addition, we have an opportunity to hear from Sam and Emily Eppinga about their trip to Tanzania during Christmas break.

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.)

Courier

The March Courier is in your church mailboxes and can be found [here](#).

Council Nominations

The Council will be deciding on nominees for elder and deacon at their meeting on Monday, **February 25**. If you have names to suggest, contact your pastoral group elder/deacon or clerk of Council, Cal Jongsma (jongsma@mtcnet.net).

Cadet Announcements

- The Cadet Pinewood Derby is Wednesday, **February 28** at the SCCS gym. Weigh-in starts at 6:15 PM and the races will begin at 6:30 PM. All family members are invited to come to watch. Those Cadets who plan to earn the baking badge and are bringing something to share, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).
- 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).

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 many lovely contributions but want to hear from as many people as possible, 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**; email it to your pastoral group elder.

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.

Salt Sale 2024

The Water Softener Salt sale is back! This is a great fundraiser that brings in money for our Christian Education Fund from outside our church family. We will again partner with Bridge of Hope to deliver salt on Saturday, **April 6**. Please put this date on your calendar! We will need many volunteers to help! The [order forms](#) will be distributed in church on **February 25** and will be at the TRIP office at SCCS. Each family is encouraged to try to sell 25 bags, but that is just a suggestion! Please sell as you are able – to family and friends and neighbors. The softener salt comes in 40lb bags of crystals and costs \$8.50 a bag. The best part is that we deliver the bags of salt wherever you would like on your property! Order forms will be due **March 10** at either the TRIP office, church office, or Emily Kramer's mailbox. The Christian Education Committee knows this is hard on the heels of the auction, but we thank you for all you do to support Christian Education!

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? A TK/Kindergarten Round Up parent information meeting will be held at SCCS 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 Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenten.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$2,465.00

Christian Education Fund: \$575.00

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, March 3
Greeters	AM: Terry F, Megan H, Dennis VP	AM: Alejandro C, Lisa C, Verlyn DW
Ushers	AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Kris VP	AM: Jo A, Jan B, Jeff T
Subs	Bob DS, Rachel L, Carol O, Linda V, Laurey Z	Doug DB, Cheri H, Tricia K, Les S, Lois VZ, Channon V
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ James R
Nursery	AM: Chris & Rin G, Jeff & Sara P	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Bob & Rebecca DS

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

Dan Altena, Sandi Altena, Marcy Holwerda, Lila Janssen, Sarah Moss

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 25th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) Evening Worship with Communion (Covenant Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Group Cadet Pinewood Derby (at SCCS Gym) Youth Group
Sunday, 3rd	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship (at Sioux Center Christian School) Vespers (Covenant Fellowship Hall) Sunday Evening Bible Study