

SUNDAY, December 29, 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

Welcome to worship this Sunday! We continue the celebration of Christmas today as we gather to praise the newborn King. Pastor Joel is taking some time off to be with family, so today we welcome Rylan Brue, a "Covenant kid" and current Calvin Seminary student, who will bring the word to us. We will not celebrate at the Lord's Table today, but will feast together again next Sunday. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Vespers

We will not gather for Vespers this Sunday evening, **December 29**. We encourage you to find other ways to worship and fellowship with friends and family tonight.

New Year's Eve Service

We will gather on Tuesday, **December 31** at 6 PM for a New Year's Eve service to reflect on the year behind us and ask for God's presence as we move into the coming year. We hope you can join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education Schedule

Church education classes are on break and will resume **January 12**.

Out of the Office

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off and will be out of the office **December 26-January 8**. Please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon with any pastoral needs during this time. Sara will be out of the office **December 30-January 1**.

Hope Haven Presents: Dueling Duo

Come enjoy a dueling piano show on Thursday, **January 9** at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Dueling Duo's members, Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven! Doors open at 7 PM and the show begins at 8 PM. Purchase tickets at hopehaven.org/events.

Volunteer Opportunity

If you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you. Love INC is looking for childcare volunteers and Faith & Finances mentors. Training is offered. Our next class session begins on **January 28**. Please call the Love INC office (712.476.5990) to find out more.

Inspiration Hills 4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat

The 4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat is an opportunity for campers to experience Inspiration Hills' unique winter activities! The event will include a chapel message, worship, and Bible studies along with all the fun winter games! The event will take place **February 14-16**. Register before **January 24** for a discount and all registration is open until **January 31**! To register for this event or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

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

Last week's offering General Fund: \$8,324.00 Christian Education Fund: \$1,900.00

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 Maletougous' 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 5
Greeters	AM: Jenni B, Pat C, Mary D	AM: Jeremy H, Amanda VB, Trena VW
Ushers	AM: Rock MC, Len R, Beth VB	AM: Wil A, Dennis VP, Marty VP
Coffee	Alejandro C, Rebecca DV, Merrill MC, Daniel VS, Jason W	Rebecca DS, Sarah H, Marcy H, Sally J, Jake VW
Subs	Doug DB, Cheri H, Les S, Lois VZ, Channon V, Sharon V	Marge DB, Sharon D, Joan MC, Stan VB, Linda V, John Z
Valet Parking	Daryl H	Micah M
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Ryan Z	Nick B ♦ Ryan Z
Nursery	AM: Andy & Rachel L, Laura J	AM: Jason & Sara H, Alejandro & Isabel C

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 Maletougou
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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

Emily Kramer, Micah Schreurs, Jenni Mellema, Dallas Apol, Jo Alberda, Penny Donahue

Happy Anniversary this Week

Lucas & Molly Stiemsma, Jeff & Shirley Taylor, Josh & Carlene Van Schouwen

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 29th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Tuesday	6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship
Sunday, 5th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study