

**SUNDAY, January 5, 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**

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Today we celebrate Epiphany. This word "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance," so on this Sunday we remember that Jesus' incarnation brings a vision of glory to the nations of the world – including the wise men who traveled afar to meet the new King. Pastor Joel is taking some time off, so today we welcome Dr. Kyle Dieleman who will bring the word to us. And we will gather at the Lord's table together. 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*.

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## **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.

### **GEMS Location Change**

GEMS will be meeting at Faith CRC starting on Wednesday, **January 8**. Same time – 7:00-8:30 PM; different location – Faith CRC. We'll begin in the sanctuary for opening devotions. GEMS – please use ONLY the new east door entrance as the Cadets will use the old west door entrance.

### **NAMI Support Group**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, **January 7**. Kir Cosgrove will share her personal experience with depression and other mental health issues within her family. She will discuss lessons learned through the ups and downs of mental health challenges, including hospitalizations, therapy, and finding other supports. For information, contact Shirley Matheis (722-4462) or Nate (402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com)).

### **Looking for a Ride**

Jason Lief is looking for a ride for a member of Maria Magdalena Reformed church to a medical appointment in Omaha. The ride is for Sara and her young son Diego, who has cochlear implants. The appointment is **January 8**, at 2 PM They are happy to pay mileage if anyone has time to take them to the appointment.

### **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat).

### **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: \$6,851.00    Christian Education Fund: \$1,766.44    Building Fund: \$250.00

**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 January 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 12
<b>Greeters</b>	AM: Jeremy H, Amanda VB, Trena VW	
<b>Ushers</b>	AM: Wil A, Dennis VP, Marty VP	
<b>Coffee</b>	Rebecca DS, Sarah H, Marcy H, Sally J, Jake VW	
<b>Subs</b>	Marge DB, Sharon D, Joan MC, Stan VB, Linda V, John Z	
<b>Valet Parking</b>	Micah M	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Doug DB ♦ John Stevenson	Dennis DJ ♦ Jason W
<b>Nursery</b>	AM: Jason & Sara H, Alejandro & Isabel C	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Mark & Cheri H

**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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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Happy Birthday this Week**

*Lois Vander Zee, Bryanna Castelan*

**Happy Anniversary this Week**

*Andy & Rachel Landman*

**THIS WEEK AT COVENANT**

<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
<b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Cadet Sunday Worship Service (at Covenant)