

**SUNDAY, January 19, 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! We continue in the season of Epiphany as we gather to worship the Light who has come to the world. Pastor Joel will be preaching from the book of Romans in the coming weeks, and we will gather at the Lord's table together. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening**

This Sunday, **January 19**, we will break from our usual Vespers service and will hold an Edifying Engagement. We have the opportunity to hear from Beatrice Shackelford and Kaeley Meyer and learn about their experiences at COP29 this past November. Join us at 6:00 PM!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **February Courier**

Do you have something to include in the February Courier? Send it to the church office ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **January 20!**

### **The January Series**

From **January 20-31**, Covenant CRC will livestream Calvin University's lecture and cultural arts series each weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The 2025 January Series lineup features a variety of speakers including Olympians, explorers, filmmakers, diplomats, and comedians who will explore a variety of topics and ideas. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/>. We hope you come for some listening and learning together!

### **Men's Breakfast Social**

A men's breakfast social will occur on Saturday, **January 25**, from 8:30–10:30 AM. Pancakes, eggs, coffee, and juice will be served, and this is an opportunity to meet some new and old acquaintances at Covenant. This is an intergenerational event, so dads can bring sons, or you can come solo – all ages are welcome. Please RSVP to Mark Christians ([mark.christians@dordt.edu](mailto:mark.christians@dordt.edu)) or Brad Hickey ([brad.hickey@dordt.edu](mailto:brad.hickey@dordt.edu)) by **January 22**. This is the first event planned for men at Covenant this spring and other events will occur from February to June.

### **Council Note**

Classis Lakota Church Visitors Rev. Bob Drenten and Elder Rick De Boom from Lebanon CRC will meet with our council on Monday, **January 27** for their annual visit.

### **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](https://inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat).

### **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: \$11,339.00    Christian Education Fund: \$1,670.00    Building Fund: \$516.00

### **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 26
Greeters	AM: Jeremy H, Amanda VB, Trena VW	
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Dennis VP, Marty VP	
Coffee	Rebecca DS, Sarah H, Marcy H, Sally J, Jake VW	
Subs	Marge DB, Sharon D, Joan MC, Stan VB, Linda V, John Z	
Valet Parking	Micah M	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ James R	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Channon & Joni V, Tricia K	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Marcy 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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Jenni Breems, Tricia Kok, Dave Kramer*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 19<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	Edifying Engagement: Beatrice Shackelford
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	11:30 AM	The January Series: Jonathan Eig
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:30 AM	The January Series: Todd Komarnicki
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	11:30 AM	The January Series: John Inazu
	7:00 PM	Cadets & GEMS (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
	11:30 AM	The January Series: Heather Templeton Dill
<b>Friday</b>	11:30 AM	The January Series: Kristjan Prikk
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast Social
<b>Sunday, 26<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	Vespers with Communion