

SUNDAY, February 9, 2025

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. Today, Pastor Joel has a classical appointment to Inwood CRC, so while he is there, Dr. Jason Lief will preach at Covenant and Dr. Justin Bailey will administer the Lord's Supper. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

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 share our joys and concerns.

Edifying Engagement

On Sunday, **February 16**, at 6:00 PM, we will hold an Edifying Engagement based on the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom. As many of you know, Corrie Ten Boom and her family sought to protect Jews from the Holocaust, suffered persecution, and experienced the Holy Spirit in a powerful way. We will hear a 40-minute presentation about her and we invite those who wish to stay for further discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note from the Deacons:

The deacons have noticed a few bugs in the rollout of an update to their contributions management program. Year-end 2024 giving receipts were emailed on **January 13**, but if you did not get yours, please inform one of the deacons.

Survey

Pastor Joel has dedicated time in the past year to understand the current preaching environment and how it relates to our society's level of political division. We invite you to take this 10-minute online survey to share your thoughts and experiences regarding your worship experience at Covenant. No identifying information will be collected, your response is anonymous and will be used to make improvements for the future. Take the survey here: www.bit.ly/CPI-C2091 by **February 15**.

Church Education Schedule

There will be no church education classes next week, **February 16**. Classes will resume on **February 23**.

WWW@Cov Chili Cook-Off

It's cold outside, so it's time to warm up at Covenant with a night of food, fellowship, and fun! Join us for a Warm Winter Wednesday event on Wednesday, **February 19** at 5:30 PM. This year we're bringing back the great Covenant Chili Cook-Off! We invite you to bring your chili to enter it into the contest. We'll have a group of judges this year who will determine the winner. And we can all sample the great variety! Sign up [online](#) or at the welcome table if you plan to attend!

Men's Game Night

Enjoy a night of fun and great company on Friday, **February 21**, with an evening filled with board games, card games, video games, and more in the Gaming Bunker at Dordt University in the basement of the Kuyper Apartments. Whether you are a strategic mastermind or just in it for the laughs and fellowship, there will be something for everyone. The Bunker will be open for Men's Game Night from 6:00-9:00 PM. Pizza will be available from 6:00-6:45 PM. Questions? Reach out to Ryan Zonnefeld or Josh Van Schouwen.

Save the Date!

Salt Sale 2025 is coming up! This year we anticipate distributing water softener salt order forms in your church mailboxes in late February so be watching for those! Please also put our 2025 delivery date of **April 5** on your calendar. We are once again working with Bridge of Hope CRC to deliver the softener salt, but we will need as many volunteers as possible to help haul salt into people's basements and garages. Unfortunately, April 5 is the day after Unity's Jr/Sr Banquet, but our possible delivery dates in April are very limited this year. Keep watching the announcements and Courier for more information about this important fundraiser for the Christian Education Fund!

Can You Help?

We are looking to add to the list of people willing to be contacted to set up or serve for events such as funerals, WE services, etc. If you would be willing to have your name added to this list, please contact Kristi Hummel (712-441-4666). Thank you.

Reminder from the Senior Needs Committee:

If you need a ride to a medical appointment, please contact a member of the Senior Needs Committee. We have a list of people who have volunteered to help when needed. Members of the committee are Duane and Jan Bajema, Mary Ploegstra, and Dennis Vander Plaats.

SCCS TK/Kindergarten Round Up

Sioux Center Christian School will be hosting a Parent Information meeting on Thursday, **February 20**, at 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM for families who may be interested in enrolling their children in the school's TK or Kindergarten programs this fall. For more information or to register visit siouxcenterchristian.com.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Last week's offering General Fund: \$10,661.31 Christian Education Fund: \$2,040.00 Compassion Fund: \$300.00

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 16
Greeters	AM: Marge DB, Daryl H, Jeri S	
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Jan B, Kris VP	
Coffee	Natalie B, Paul C, Dennis DJ, Jason H, Tricia K	
Subs	Donna B, Luke H, Kristi H, Del VZ, Kurt V, Dani W	
Valet Parking	Paul/Avonda Fessler	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB + Terry F	Dennis DJ + Ryan Z
Nursery	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Jason & Dani W	AM: Ron & Carol O, Lee & Jenni M

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

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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**

Jane Taylor, Robbin Eppinga, Les Sybesma, Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp, Marilyn Mouw, Sanneke Kok

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 9th	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
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 16th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Edifying Engagement
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study