

**SUNDAY, February 16, 2025**

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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. Today, Pastor Joel will continue his series on the book of Romans, and we'll gather at the Lord's Table together. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Edifying Engagement**

This Sunday, **February 16**, at 6:00 PM, we will show a video enactment of the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom, a believer who offered refuge to Jews during the Second World War. That presentation will go from 6 to about 6:45, and then, after a brief break, we will hear also from Jim Schaap regarding Diet Eman, another believer who not only gave refuge to Jews but resisted the Nazi occupation. We encourage you to join us.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Education Schedule**

There are no church education classes today, **February 16**. Classes will resume on **February 23**.

### **March Courier**

If you have something to include in the next Courier, send it to church ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) by Monday, **February 17!**

### **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! We'll provide beverages, chili toppings, and cinnamon rolls, and a freewill donation box will be available to help cover the cost. There will be board games available if you want to stay and play after dinner! 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.

### **Council Nominations**

The council is starting the nomination process for new council members and will be finalizing the list at their next meeting on **February 24**. Members are encouraged to submit names to a council member of people they think would serve well as either a deacon or an elder.

### **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. Keep watching the announcements and Courier for more information about this important fundraiser for the Christian Education Fund!

### **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. Committee members 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](http://siouxcenterchristian.com).

## Gather 25

Join us for Gather 25! Come and experience a gathering of the global church like never before. You will be inspired and in awe of God through the teaching, worship, prayer, and stories told of what God is doing around the world. It will be a time to gather the 2.5 billion believers to reach the 5.5 billion who don't yet know Jesus. We will meet at New Life Church from 7-10 PM on Friday, **February 28** and 10-8 PM on Saturday, **March 1**. There is no fee and meals will be provided on Saturday for a free will donation. Come and see! Register at [nlrchurch.org](http://nlrchurch.org). More questions contact [tammyzevenbergen@gmail.com](mailto:tammyzevenbergen@gmail.com).

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

**Last week's offering**    General Fund: \$3,003.00    Christian Education Fund: \$390.00    Building Fund: \$280.00

## 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 23
Greeters	AM: Marge DB, Daryl H, Jeri S	
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Kris VP, Del VZ	
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	Dennis DJ ♦ Ryan Z	Nick B ♦ John S
Nursery	AM: Ron & Carol O, Lee & Jenni M	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Chris & Rin G

## 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  
[mribbens@gmail.com](mailto:mribbens@gmail.com)

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Jim Schaap, Josh Van Schouwen, Ryan Smit, Dennis DeJong*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Morning Worship Edifying Engagement Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group WWW@Cov – Chili Cook-Off GEMS & Cadets (at Faith CRC) Youth Group
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 PM	Men's Game Night (at Dordt Gaming Bunker)
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (Grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (Adults) (Chapters 7-10) Morning Worship Vespers