

SUNDAY, December 28, 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! Today we continue to celebrate the joy of Christmas as we worship the newborn King together! This morning Dr. Justin Bailey will preach while Pastor Joel takes some time away, and we will gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Upcoming Holiday Worship Schedule

We will not gather for an evening worship service this Sunday, **December 28**, but we hope you will join us for worship on New Year's Eve, **December 31**, at 6:00 PM!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Joel's Schedule

Pastor Joel will be taking some time off to gather with family and will return on Monday, **January 5**. Please contact your pastoral group elder/deacon with any pastoral needs while he is away.

Covenant Kids:

If you haven't picked up your Christmas treat bag yet, feel free to grab it this Sunday from the church kitchen!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Our church education classes for kids through adults will take a break for the holidays and will not meet on **December 28** or **January 4**. Classes will resume on **January 11**.

Volunteering with Cadets

Cadets is a ministry for 4th-8th grade boys. Our club consists of boys and counselors from Faith, Bridge of Hope, and Covenant. Currently Covenant is not pulling our fair share on the counselor side. It would be great if we could get 1 or 2 counselors from Covenant. Cadets meet typically two Wednesday nights a month from 7-8:30. If you would be interested in serving this ministry of our church, whether you are a long-time member or college student, contact Marty Vander Plaats (martyvp69@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Nursery Volunteers

On behalf of the nursery committee, we want to thank all of our amazing nursery volunteers for your willingness to serve our families with young children! As we begin scheduling for the next year, we'd like to update our list of volunteers. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Sara in the church office to be added to the list. Thanks!

NAMI Support Group

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet on Tuesday, **January 6** at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 PM is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: 988, Your Life Iowa, and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): Navigating Crisis and Support. From 8:00 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, contact Shirley (712-574-6758) or Nate (402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com).

Sing Handel's Messiah

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 PM, beginning **January 6**, in the choir room at Northwestern College. This season we will sing the well-loved Handel's *Messiah*, featuring professional soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm. Our concert will be held on Saturday, **April 25** at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

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: \$8,545.50 Christian Education Fund: \$2,325.50

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 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 4
Greeters	AM: Faby A, Isabel C, Micah D	AM: Lisa C, Len R, Lila S
Ushers	AM: Matt J, Jeff T, Jason VB	AM: Sharon D, Beth VB, John Z
Coffee	Ruth Clo, Steve C, Kristi H, Rachel L, Merrill MC	Ruth Cla, Mary D, Sarah H, Jason H, Daniel VS
Subs	Marge DB, Verlyn DW, Ron O, Marty VP, Dani W, Laurey Z	Wil A, Jenni B, Cheri H, Dave S, Adeline VP, Sharon V
Valet Parking	Kurt V	Micah M
Sound/Projection	Andy L + Marty VP	Jeff P + ??
Nursery		
Dec. Monitor: Jenni M	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Kris & Marty VP	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Micah & Jayden D

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

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

Happy Anniversary this Week

Joel & Tricia Kok, Jeff & Shirley Taylor, Josh & Carlene Van Schouwen

Membership transfers

Joya Breems has transferred her membership to Geneva Campus Church in Madison, WI.

Matt, Bev, & Madelyn Beimers have transferred their membership to Covenant from Bridge of Hope Ministries in Sioux Center. We welcome them and are excited to have them become part of the Covenant family!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 28th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:00 PM	New Year’s Eve Worship Service
Saturday	8:30 AM	Cadet Snow Derby
Sunday, 4th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers