

THE LORD'S DAY – APRIL 3, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude & Welcome

Opening Prayer & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-2

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*
"His Robes For Mine"

Standard of Righteousness: Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,
located downstairs in Room 4.

Prayer of God's People

Scripture: Colossians 2:20-23 (p. 1834)

Sermon: "Why Go Back?"

*Song of Response: #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

Prayer for the Offering (Sos and Kara Maletoungou, West Africa)

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"May the Lord"*

THE LORD'S DAY – APRIL 3, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

People: *My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Call to Worship – Psalm 1

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #371 *"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*

Congregational Prayer

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession, Art. 20 "The Justice and Mercy of God"

*Song of Thanksgiving: #86 *"Lord, My Petition Heed"* (v. 1,3,5,6)

Scripture: II Samuel 14

Sermon: "Mr. Israel's Sentimental Journey Home"

*Song of Response: #140 *"Deliver Me from Evil"* (use tune from #279 – Munich)

Prayer for the Offering: Sos & Kara Maletoungou – CRWM West Africa

Offertory: *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* – Jessica Sjaarda

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord our God"*

SERMON NOTES – APRIL 3, 2022

WHY GO BACK?

Text: Colossians 2:20-23

MR. ISRAELS SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

HOME

Text: II Samuel 14

REFORMATION MATTERS:

"Behold, this is the doctrine and the power of the Gospel and the treasure by which we are saved, which brings us to the point that we also begin to fulfill the Law. For where the great unfathomable love and favor of Christ are known and believed, thence flows forth also love both to God and to our neighbor. For by means of such knowledge and consolation the Holy Spirit moves the heart to love God, and gladly does what it should to His praise and thanks, guards against sin and disobedience, and willingly offers itself to serve and help everybody."

- Martin Luther, as quoted in "Luther: Day by Day", May 18

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning worship |
| | 10:40 am | - Kids' Praise, Sunday school, catechism |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 12:00 pm | - Care Group #1 potluck |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening worship |
| Mon. | 2:00 pm | - Mary Guild |
| | 6:00 pm | - Cornerstone Prison Church Fundraiser Banquet |
| | 7:00 pm | - Mama Bear Apologetics book study (Chapter 11) |
| Wed. | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace |
| | 6:30 pm | - Youth Group (Youth Group) |
| Thur. | 7:00 pm | - Friendship |

FUTURE DATES:

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| April 10 | - Last day of Sunday School & Catechism |
| | - Prayer Warriors |
| | - 25th Annual Easter Music Festival (First CRC) |
| April 17 | - Sunrise Service |
| April 23 | - Sister's Tea Party |
| | - Sioux Valley Cadet-a-rama at Sioux Falls Christian School |
| June 6-9 | - Royal Family Kids Camp & Vacation Bible School (June 6-10) |
| June 10-16 | - Synod |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The profession of faith class will take place following the morning worship services today, April 3 and on April 10. For those participating, please plan on meeting in Pastor Scott's study following the service on those two Sunday mornings.

5-8th grade bell players are asked to meet after catechism to practice for Palm Sunday AM prelude. We will meet in balcony until around 11:50. Those playing are also asked to meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday April 10 to practice before we play the prelude.

Church education classes will meet for two more lessons, today and next week, April 10.

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Christian Education

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

Margaret Njuguna, our friend and missionary at En Gedi Childrens Home has just released a book that she authored, "When God Calls, the detailed account of one woman's relentless journey in heeding God's call". The books are available to anyone that would like to purchase one, the cost is \$10. Contact Karen Fey if you would like a copy, 507-227-6392

Our church is hosting an Easter Sunrise service (April 17) beginning at 7:00 a.m. We welcome our First CRC church families and the area church congregations along with visiting family and friends to join us as we remember the finished work Christ completed on the cross and with his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning! As we greet this morning reflecting on God's word and with songs from the congregation and special numbers, please join us for this joyous celebration. Following the service a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

SAVE THE DATE - we're having a Tea Party! All women (0-99+) are invited for tea and fellowship on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Sister's Tea will be celebrating our sisterhood in Christ as we encourage and build each other up. Tea, refreshments, and light lunch are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will also be a free will donation box and silent auction to benefit Royal Family Kids Camp. So gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning of fellowship and encouragement! If you have any question or would like to reserve seat(s) or a table, please contact Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446), Courtney Vis (507-920-2831), or Kelsey Schmidt (507-227-8570).

Men aspiring to ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church, and who are members of Classis Minnkota, are invited to apply for financial aid from the Classical Student Fund Committee before July 15, 2020. Please contact Rev. Harold Westra, 742-6th Ave SW Pipestone, MN 56164, 507 820 1604 or harold.westra@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY & MISC

S.W. MN Chapter of MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) will be hosting their annual Pro-Life Rally tomorrow, Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at the S.W. Christian High School gymnasium in Edgerton, MN. Guest speaker will be Laurie Westerbur from Ihlen, Mn. MCCL's main purpose is to educate and inform citizens of S.W. Mn. about pro-life causes.

Food Shelf Update – If you know of anyone in need and who would benefit from the Food Shelf, please contact Shar (507-820-0225) or Brenda (507-227-5174). The Food Shelf will be providing hams or turkeys to their recipients for Easter.

Maundy Thursday Women's Brunch at Edgerton First Reformed Church on Thursday, April 14th. Coffee and rolls will be served at 9:00am with the program starting at 9:30am. Speakers for this event will be Tana Zwart and Mindy (Mulder) Hill. The offering will be divided between

the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Children's Miracle Network.

Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission field right in our back yard! We need volunteers with a heart for kids. Camp will be held locally from June 6-9 and we need loads of helpers to love on the kids and sow seeds of Jesus' love throughout the camp days. Volunteer applications are located in the back of church, or check our Facebook page: Royal Family Kids Camp SW MN for a printable form OR apply online directly from our Facebook page. All volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and for legal purposes, we need an application on file and we'll facilitate a background check for volunteers 18 and older. Please consider joining our team. Talk to Erin Van Hulzen if you have questions. Change a life and BE CHANGED!

Socks needed for VBS! Please collect all your unwanted adult socks for VBS and put them in the box located in the narthex (next to the food shelf collection). Please no holes, but singles and mismatched are just fine!

Hiring Youth Coordinator: The Minn-I-Kota Youth Network is an organization with the goal to empower, encourage, & equip youth ministry programs at churches in the Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland Classes. After 12 years of faithful service Lee De Groot plans to step down from her role as Youth Coordinator at the end of 2022. The MIK Youth Board intends to hire a new coordinator by September 2022 to train alongside Lee. Those seeking to apply must have a love for Christ, and be a member of good standing in a church that teaches Reformed doctrine. Applicants must have a heart for youth ministry, and should be gifted in administrative skills as well as event planning. For a job description and information on how to apply, please contact dan@bethelsc.org subject line "MIK Youth Coordinator Position" by April 10.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRC Announcements are placed on the table near the bulletins.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Ben & Macy Hanson, Christa Blom, Judd Prouty, JT Van Hulzen
 PM – Kaitlyn Schelhaas, Brigette Pap, Ava Busker, Jessica Sjaarda
Valet: Nathan Stoel
Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg
Medical Assistant: Gord Prins
Children’s Worship: Alisha Ekkel, Jayden/Lucas Brands
Praise Team: Mark & Lori Boeve, Kurt & Vonda Talsma, Tadd & Erica Prins
Keyboard: Brittani Forness

NEXT WEEK – APRIL 10:

Nursery: AM – Levi & Mara Mouw, Rosann VandenBerg, Kevin VanHulzen, Lucas Brands
 PM –Karen Fey, Vonda Talsma, Sawyer Stoel, Devin Schaap
Valet: Ron Nykamp
Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg
Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey
Children’s Worship: Melissa Masselink, Victoria Prins

MISSIONARIES

Friendship Community Church Christian Reformed Home Missions Sergeant Bluff, Iowa	Sos and Kara Maletoungou Christian Reformed World Missions West Africa	Rev. William & Aletha Green Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed Churches, Costa Rica
Margaret Njuguna En-Gedi Children’s Home, Kenya	Cornerstone Prison Church Sioux Falls, South Dakota	

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