

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 9, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:9-13

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song: #84 *"How Lovely Is Your House, O Lord"* (v. 1-3)

Call to Confession: Exodus 31:12-17

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – The Baptism of Barrett James Van Meeteren

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #269 *"Baptized in Water"*

Choir: *"I Worship You"*

Scripture: II Samuel 21:15-22

Sermon: "Preserving the Lamp of Israel"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: #539 *"Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"*

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Doxology: #111 *"O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise"* (v. 1-2)

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 9, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Stephen Wynja

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

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

People: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: Ps. 95:6-7

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #486 *"Come Thou Fount"*

Congregational Prayer

Bible Reading: Psalm 37

*Song of Thanksgiving: #530 *"I Love To Tell the Story"*

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-17

Sermon: "How to Have Good Days"

*Song of Response: #289 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: "Forever Reign" – Mara Busker

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #322 *"God the Father"*

NEXT SUNDAYS OFFERING: Volunteers in Mercy

STEWARDSHIP VERSE:

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."
Matthew 6:24*

REFORMATION MATTERS: "What is prayer?" - "Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies." - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A. 98

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning worship
	10:40 am	- Prayer warriors, Sunday school, Catechism & Kid's Praise
	11:00 am	- Choir practice
	6:30 pm	- Evening worship
Mon.	7:00 pm	- Men's Society
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
		- Evening Coffee Break
	7:45 pm	- Chimes
Thurs.	7:00 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE DATES:

October 18	- Consistory meeting
October 30	- Church Potluck
November 11	- Church game night

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This morning, we have the joy and privilege to witness the covenant baptism of Barrett Van Meeteren, son of Brett and Laura. This is a delight in the life of our church family as another little lamb is welcomed into the fold of Christ's visible church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Does anyone want to join the flower/decorating committee to help with swapping arrangements in and out of the front of church? If not, then this aesthetically pleasing aspect of Sunday worship will simply go away. Please contact Brian Busker if interested!

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner in the front pews immediately after the morning service today to get together and share prayer requests.

Dinner with Friends - If you are interested in getting to know others within the First CRC congregation, we have a great opportunity! Those that sign up will be placed in a small group of approximately 8 people. Throughout the next year, you will be encouraged to take turns hosting/planning a get together for your group. Hosting the group could be as formal or as informal as you wish. The goal of this is not to impress your small group but to build relationships among the Body of Christ. If you are interested in this fun opportunity, there is a sign-up sheet with more information in the foyer.

The boxes are here and waiting to be filled. It may seem early to think about Christmas however; as in previous years we are excited to partner with Operation Christmas Child. There are "Let's Be Friends" coloring sheets the kids can fill out and put in their shoe boxes. Please consider packing a box for children around the world who may not get a Christmas gift at all this year. Detailed instructions are on the brochure included with the box. The National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21st. The cost to ship each box is \$10 if possible please donate online or mail to Samaritans Purse, PO Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607-9956. Thank you again. Let's make it a memorable year, showing Gods love to many boys and girls.

Growing Hope Globally: Three individuals from one of our Growing Hope Globally programs in Columbia will be in Edgerton next Sunday evening, October 16. They will be sharing their story after the evening worship service at Bethel CRC. Hear firsthand about how Growing Hope Globally has affected their community.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Friendship will kick off this week Thursday, October 13 @ 7:00 pm for Fun and Fellowship.

Biblical Study Tour to Italy (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Growing Hope Globally: We are continuing in our effort to combat hunger around the world by helping individual communities be able to feed themselves. The local project of Growing

Hope Globally is accepting donations of corn and soybeans at all Chandler Feed locations. If you want to donate some bushels to help us in this effort, just let the employees at Chandler Feed know and they will take care of it. Any questions, check with Harley Buys (507-920-7954) or Harv Vander Top (507-215-1548).

Save the Date: Word & Deed Fall Dinner - You are warmly invited to attend a Word & Deed Fundraising Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 12 D.V. at the Lunch House in Rock Valley. We are pleased to have Juan Carlos Ramirez of Education Plus as our keynote speaker. Juan is the director of Education Plus and an elder in the church Rev. Bill Green pastors. More details to follow. Plan on joining us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Costa Rica!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Who is Welcome - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Our churches are homes too. They are a home for our church family, a place where we learn about and worship God. How can you help your church family members feel like they belong today? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: God's Perfect Peace - How do we find the strength to say "it is well with our souls," even when our circumstances leave us feeling uncertain or anxious? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 26:3-4, Jeremiah 6:13-14, and Numbers 6:22-26 to better understand the truth of God's perfect peace and discover how we can experience it for ourselves, even when our lives aren't very peaceful. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Help Survivors of Hurricane Ian - World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans to respond to Hurricane Ian in southwest Florida. Ian is one of the top 5 storms to hit Florida in the last 100 years along with Andrew, Charley, Wilma, and Irma. Many homes are underwater from heavy rain and historic storm surge. You can help by praying for those most affected and by giving generously to World Renew at worldrenew.net/donate, calling 800-552-7972, or mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with Hurricane Ian Response 2022 in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Drive, Byron Center, MI, 49315-7400.

Safe Church October Domestic Violence Awareness Webinar with Selah Empowers - National domestic violence awareness month happens in October in the U.S. and in November in

Canada. On Thursday, October 13th, 12pm (Eastern) Safe Church is hosting a webinar with Selah Empowers. Selah offers support that empowers lives and homes. It was started out of Heritage Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center in 2018 when its leadership recognized the need to offer help through the church for those victimized by abuse. To find out more and register, visit: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinarselah>

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Kim VanHofwegen, Kim Veldhuizen, Phil & Katie Feikema, Carli Schaap, Clara Talsma
PM – Tanya Talsma, Becky Schelhaas, Blaire Talsma, Kalli Blom

Valet: Dale Mesman

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg

Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink

Children's Worship: No Lesson – School break

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 16:

Nursery: AM – Kirk & Megan Bleyenburg, Marshall & Tawni Pater, Lydia Talsma, Ellia Van Dyke
PM – Brigitte Pap, Lori Schelhaas, Megan Blom, Makenna Moss

Valet: Randy Pater

Ushers: Jim Van Hofwegen, Brian Schelhaas, Brett Kroeze, Duane VandenBerg

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

Children's Worship: Kelly & Shelbi Kroeze

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna
En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletoungou
Christian Reformed World Missions
West Africa

Rev. William & Aletha Green
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed
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