

THE LORD’S DAY – MARCH 26, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 10:6-7

*Opening Song of Adoration: #185 *“I Will Extol You, O My God”*

Standard of Righteousness: 2 Corinthians 5:15

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptisms of Logan Fey and Jett Hilarides

*Song of Thanksgiving: *“In Christ Alone”*

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

Musical Offering: “Is He Worthy?” - First CRC Choir

Scripture: Acts 1:15-26

Sermon: “Witnesses of the Lord’s Resurrection”

*Song of Response: #465 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

Prayer for the Lord’s People

Offering (Margaret Njuguna: En-Gedi Children’s Home)

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #621 *“The God of Abraham Praise”* (v. 5)

Next Sundays Offering: Christian Education

THE LORD’S DAY – MARCH 26, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude

Introit: *“This Is My Father’s World”* - Ellia Van Dyke

Welcome & 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: Isaiah 41:13-14

*Opening Song of Honor: #469 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

Bible Reading: Psalm 142 (p. 977)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #462 *“Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”*

Scripture: Psalm 57 (p. 894)

Sermon: “Our Faithful Refuge”

*Song of Response: #556 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Prayer for the Offering (Margaret Njuguna)

Offertory: *“O God, Beyond All Praising”* - Katie Feikema and Mikaiah Van Dyke

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 *“Gloria Patri”*

SERMON NOTES – MARCH 26, 2023

WITNESSES OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION

Text: Acts 1:15-26

OUR FAITHFUL REFUGE

Text: Psalm 57

REFORMATION MATTERS: "One of the crucial pennies to drop in the minds of those who find their way to faith in their adult years is often the realization that, if there really is a God such as the Bible reveals him to be, then he is smarter than I am and his judgement is more reliable than mine: if he and I differ on a matter, and if he is really God and I am really a creature, then it is more than reasonable to assume he is correct and I am mistaken." - Christopher Watkin, in "*Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture*"

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning worship
	10:40 am	- Kid’s praise, Catechism (final day for 9-12) and Sunday school
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening worship
Mon	2:00 pm	- Men’s Society (lesson 9)
Tue.	5:30 pm	- Soup Supper
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour (final meeting)
	5:00 pm	- ATLAS Pizza Ranch Tip Night
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	7:45 pm	- Chimes
Thur.	7:00 pm	- Friendship
Sat.	April 1	- Sister’s Tea

FUTURE DATES:

April 2	- Final day of Sunday school & 3 rd -8 th grade catechism
April 5	- Kids of Grace & Youth Group Easter Party
April 9	- Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast (7:00am)
April 30	- Margaret Njuguna visiting and speaking
June 5-8	- Royal Family Kids Camp
June 12-16	- Edgerton VBS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathies and grief to the family of Curt and Kathy Walhof following the recent death of Curt's brother, Ed Walhof. May the God of all comfort minister his mercy and peace to the Walhof family during this time.

Our church family offers our prayers and sympathies to Betty Huisken and her family following the recent death of her husband, Fred Huisken. May the Lord Jesus, the hope of glory, be their hope in the midst of grief.

Thank You. A spoken or written “thank you” does not fully convey our deep appreciation for every word and deed you shared with us over the past weeks as Estella’s soul moved from Edgerton to the heavenly mansion prepared for her by her Savior. The fruits of the Spirit were evident as the congregation shared them with us. Of special mention would be the labors of our two pastors, the kitchen help and the custodian. Our gratitude, Bud Vis family.

This morning, we have the privilege of taking part in the covenant baptisms of two little ones in our congregation. We rejoice with Orey and Carmen Fey as we baptize their daughter, Logan Kay Fey. We also celebrate with Colton and Jennifer Hilarides as we baptize their son, Jett Robert Hilarides.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter sunrise service breakfast: There is a sign-up sheet for people to make egg bakes and cinnamon rolls for our Easter sunrise service and breakfast. The sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary, and in the fellowship hall. Any help would be much appreciated!

TIME TO RSVP! Sister's Tea RSVP's are due by Monday, March 27. All women (0-99+) are invited for tea and fellowship on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. 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).

Help Needed! Congregation of First CRC: We have a few members of the projection team that are looking to retire in the next year. In response to this, we are looking for several new projectionists to join the team. The time commitment is very minimal (one service a month) and it is easy to learn. Talk to Orey Fey or Kirk Van Hulzen if you are interested in joining the team.

Our church is hosting an Easter Sunrise service (April 9) 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 Christ’s finished work on the cross and his resurrection on that glorious Easter morning! Please join us for this joyous celebration as we greet Easter morning reflecting on God's word, with songs from the congregation and special numbers, and a message by Pastor Gearhart. 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.

We want to say Thank You and express our gratitude for the generous support given with donations of food and monetary gifts. We want to encourage anyone that is in need of food any time during the month to contact one of the Church’s Food Shelf Committee members.

The Food Shelf is open to the public on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8AM-12:00 at the 1st Reformed Church. We are Blessed, Edgerton Food Shelf. Art Menning (507-215-4029), Sandy Menning (507-215-4030), Shar Miedema (507-820-0225), Brenda Kooi (507-227-5174), Mary Kreun (507-227-4467), Lisa Pfeifle (507-920-0084), Keith VanHulzen (507-227-7593). Jason Snyder (507-227-5739).

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF DATE: The Southwest Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 28. Serving time is from 5:30-7:30 PM. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, chicken rice soups, BBQ's and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2:30 pm: Please join us for our Annual Easter Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest’s Choirs, area churches, and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

SWC SPRING DONATION SALE is only 3 weeks away! Please mark your calendars to come for an evening of fun! Friday, April 14 at 6:30 the sale will start. There will be Pizza and many concession items for sale throughout the evening! If you have an item that you would like to donate to school for the donation sale, we would love to have it this week so we can get it on the website for early viewing! We appreciate all your donated items!!!

A popular part of the Donation Sale has been our shredded pork and garlic mashed potatoes bundles for only \$75! What a great option for an Easter gathering or a convenient meal to have on hand in the freezer! We will not be selling these the night of the auction but will be selling these bundles ahead of time at the High School Campus. You can grab this bundle for your Easter meal or just for a meal to have on hand! All you need to do is call Daci at 442-4471 and get one reserved for you! These will be available to pick up starting Tuesday, March 28.

Along with the Shredded Pork and Potato bundles, we are going to have several more options available to buy before the auction. Some of which will be out of town Gift Certificates and a few other fun events. Be watching for more information as it becomes available on what these items will be!

COMMUNITY & MISC

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 27 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health

is able to donate.

Upcoming Events at Pipestone ATLAS:

Wednesday, March 29: Pizza Ranch Fundraiser at Pipestone Pizza Ranch, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29: Annual Spring Rummage, 9:00-3:00 at ATLAS - Pipestone

At this time we are looking for gently used household items, home decor & odds and ends (no clothing or furniture). Your donations may be dropped off at ATLAS (101 2nd St NE) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00am-5:00pm. (Deadline for donations is April 25) or call Roxie Mulder to pick up your donations (507.227.0905).

WHAT: Benefit supper to help Milo with Nancy's medical costs, not covered by insurance.

WHEN: Tuesday evening, April 4th, 5pm-7pm

WHERE: Southwest MN Christian High School, 550 Elizabeth St. Edgerton, MN

Join us for a hamburger feed, fellowship, and live music – Cornerstone Quartet (6:00-6:45)

If you are unable to attend and wish to give, you may send a check or cash to:

Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church

11745 110th St., PO Box 277, Leota, MN 56153

***Please write Milo Van Dyke in the memo of your check. If sending cash, please indicate that your donation is for Milo Van Dyke.

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, March 31st at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA. Help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The schedule: 4:30 PM doors open, 5:00 PM food booth opens, and 5:30 PM choose from over 450 items in the live auction. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of items. The whole family is invited to this community fundraiser!

The 13th Annual Minnikota Youth Jr High (6th-8th) Retreat is April 21, 22, 23 at Inspiration Hills. There are a few spots still open but registration will close on April 1st or as soon as the spots are filled. If you have not received a registration form and would like one contact Lee De Groot at degrootlee@gmail.com or text her at 712 470 4244. Hope to see you there!

First Reformed Church of Edgerton is hosting a Maundy Thursday coffee on April 6th. They are hosting Angela Kennecke as the speaker. Angela will speak on the death of her daughter to opioids and how she has made it her mission to stop the stigma surrounding addiction and find solutions to the opioid epidemic. A free will offering will go to Emily's Hope.

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 13th to May 18th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Friedf support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to

discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes, and find support. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm at the Pipestone County Hospice House. For more information or to register please call (507) 825-6024.

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 5-8, 2023. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions you can email us at swmnrfk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for foster kids in our area!

VBS!! Mark your calendars for a *STELLAR VBS* week from June 12-16. Kids' will be launched on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Registration & volunteer sheets will be on a table in the back of your church in the next few weeks. You can also register online soon – follow us on Facebook for more info on that! There will be no walk-in registrations this year, so please get signed up by June 7. We will also be in need of many volunteers to help make this week a success, so prayerfully consider helping lead these kids during this week. We are ready for an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Shannon Nykamp, Ben & Macy Hanson, Nicole Vis, Clayton Blankers, Kevin VanHulzen
PM – Mindy Blankers, Vonda Talsma, Tyler Sjaarda, Zachary Moss
Valet: Darrin DeKam
Ushers: Brett Kroeze, Rod Corbin, Luis Rodriguez, Aidan Schaap
Sound: Cory
Video: Nilson
Projection: Orey/Jody
Medical Assistant: Gord Prins
Children’s Worship: Kelsey Schmidt, Kinley Schmidt

NEXT WEEK – APRIL 2:

Nursery: AM – Ruth Corbin, Jackie Ward, Becky Schelhaas, Dana Huiskens, Jayden Brands, Sydni VanderHaar
PM – Jen Brands, Kaitlyn Schelhaas, Tyler Pap, Devin Schaap
Valet: Mark Sas
Ushers: CJ Veldhuizen, Jim Van Hofwegen, Jonathan Sjaarda, Grant Busker
Sound: AM – Jesse PM - Ray
Video: Kevin
Projection: Jan/Jonathan
Medical Assistant: Barb Obbink
Children’s Worship: Jackie Ward, Blaire Talsma
Praise Team: Mark & Lori Boeve, Kurt & Vonda Talsma, Tadd & Erica Prins

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna En-Gedi Children’s Home, Kenya	Sos and Kara Maletougou Christian Reformed World Missions West Africa	Rev. William & Aletha Green Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed Churches, Costa Rica
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