

THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 14, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Nahum 1:3,7

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs: #454 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

#453 *"Let All Things Now Living"*

God's Standard of Righteousness: The Ten Commandments

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Habakkuk 1:12-13; 2:4

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #77 *"I Cried Out to God to Help Me"* (v. 1,2,4)

Kids Praise: *"Jesus Love Me"* & *"Jesus Loves the Little Ones"*

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

Scripture: Job 2:13 – 3:26

Sermon: *"Job's Three Good Friends and His Cry of Despair"*

Prayer of Application

*Hymn: #577 *"Beams of Heaven"*

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering (Bible League)

Offering

*Benediction

*Doxology #169 *"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever"*

Postlude

Next Sundays Offering: Reframe Media

THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 14, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenberg

Prelude

Introit: *"Before the Throne of God Above"* - Kambrie Schmidt

"Shine, Jesus Shine" - Kaden Schmidt

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: Psalm 111:1-3

*Opening Song of Adoration: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Professions of Faith - Kalli Blom, Ava Busker, and Clara Talsma

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"In Christ Alone"*

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 (p. 1623)

Sermon: *"Much Rejoicing in Heaven"*

*Song of Response: #591 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bible League)

Offertory: *"Here I Am to Worship"* - Kinley Schmidt

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #632 *"To God Be the Glory"*

SERMON NOTES – MAY 14, 2023

JOB'S THREE GOOD FRIENDS AND HIS CRY OF DESPAIR

Text: Acts 2:42-47

MUCH REJOICING IN HEAVEN

Text: Luke 15:1-10

REFORMATION MATTERS: "A few, however, are thirsting for salvation, and they rejoice to hear that a fountain is actually springing up in this wilderness, to which they are freely invited. Such come with joy to the wells of salvation. And how sweet are the repeated draughts of the water of life which they drink in...To all such we bring glad tidings, when we announce that 'a fountain is opened for sin and uncleanness.' Do you ask where? In the gospel - in Christ, who is the centre and substance of the gospel." - Archibald Alexander (1771-1851), in "*Practical Truths*"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning worship
6:30 pm - Evening worship
Mon. 5:30 pm - SWC bake sale
Wed. 6:00 pm - Kids of Grace (final meeting)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During the evening worship service tonight, it'll be our joy to witness public professions of faith from Kalli Blom, Ava Busker, and Clara Talsma. Let us gather together in worship and gladness as they profess their faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

Lord willing, next Sunday **during morning worship**, we will hear professions of faith from Logan Bleyenbergh, Tyson Bleyenbergh, and Brooklyn Talsma. **During evening worship** next Sunday, we will hear professions of faith from Kaitlyn Schaap, Nilson Van Hulzen, and Cami VanderHaar.

We would love to recognize those in our congregation who will be graduating from high school, college, technical school, or postgraduate studies. Please send Pastor Scott an email if there is someone we should recognize for the completion of their studies.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

From the deacons: General Fund: \$92,825.10
Global Missions: \$7,615.00
Christian Education: \$10,505
Property Finance: \$35,000
Radio Fund: \$7,154.32

We are grateful Margaret Njuguna was able to spend some time with us recently! Our deacons and missions committee wanted to clarify ways to financially support Margaret's Sustainability Project. For those who want to individually give, please write a check to First CRC, Edgerton with

“Sustainability Project” on the memo line. Our church will wire the funds to Margaret directly. We also want to remind you that the balance of the “Missions” account (on your white envelopes) will be evaluated in October to potentially distribute to special causes like this after our annual missionary commitments are fulfilled.

Host Homes needed!!! Costa Rican students are making plans to visit Edgerton this fall! Would you like to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience for them? If so, please mark your calendars for October 7-16, 2023. Around 18 students, along with three chaperones AND Bill and Aletha will be travelling to Edgerton to experience life in the Midwest. They will also be sharing what their culture is like while practicing their English! Plans are underway to have these students visit SWC and Dordt College, participate in a service opportunity, experience some typical fall activities here, and meet brothers and sisters in Christ! Ways you can be involved:

1. Host a pair of students or chaperones. (This would mean providing an evening meal, a place to sleep, and transportation to First CRC each morning.)
2. Provide a vehicle for transportation while they are here.
3. Help provide breakfast and sack lunches for each day.
4. Provide a vehicle for Bill and Aletha who will be making an extended home visit, visiting churches in the Tri-state area.

If you are interested in being involved in this great opportunity, please contact Shawna Sjaarda: 507-227-5970. We are the body of Christ and we are excited to build relationships with our brothers and sisters from Costa Rica!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 15 K-12 Spring Concert – High School Gym

TWO Performances: 1:15pm and 6:30pm

Jazz Band/Drumline/High School group prelude 12:55 and 6:10

Parent Circles Bake Sale (*Prior to evening concert* 5:30 to 6:15)

May 25 Last Day Of School – Noon Dismissal

May 26 High School Graduation 6:00

June 14 Annual SWC Society Meeting 7:00

SWC is celebrating the arrival of SPRING at the K-12 Spring Concert on Monday, May 15! This special concert will have TWO performance times (1:15pm and 6:30pm) so everyone has a chance to attend! Choose one and enjoy the sounds of the Spring season, all centered around the SWC theme this year of "Walk Worthy," based on Colossians 1:9-12. The concert will include concert bands and choirs, along with preludes at 12:55 and 6:10 featuring Jazz Band, Drumline, and a high school boys group. Be sure to join us for an afternoon or evening of beautiful music along with a celebration of service to Christian Education at SWC.

SWC Circles #5, #12 and #14 are teaming up for their *ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER* tomorrow evening on Monday, May 15! Make plans to come to the SWC High School cafeteria between 5:30-6:15 to choose from the large variety of deliciously homemade Baked

Goods, and then pick your favorite seats to enjoy hearing the kids praising our Lord at the SWC School Spring K-12 concert! It's an evening you don't want to miss! (For those who attend the Intermission concert in the afternoon, we'd love to still have you check out the Bake Sale at 5:30 to browse the tables of goodies! Any remaining Bake Sale items will be sold immediately after the evening program is finished.) - Thank you in advance for supporting this Bake Sale Fundraiser for SWC Schools!

Southwest MN Christian High School will be conducting their annual Building Fund Drive through the end of May. The drive is conducted annually to help maintain and complete needed repairs. We pray that you found the letter with the attached green envelope in your church mailbox last week. The need this year is to update the restrooms located by the high school gym. They are original to the building, both the boys' and girls' restrooms will be remodeled and updated with new tile, fixtures, and partitions and also meet compliance with ADA requirements for accessibility. The time has also come to where the mower/snowblower at the elementary campus needs to be replaced due to the number of hours and anticipated maintenance repairs on it. We pray you will be part of the Lord's plan to fulfill this need. We thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to SWC Building Drive.

The Southwest Christian High School staff and students are preparing for their annual AOK day on May 19. We would like you to share in our Acts of Kindness Day by allowing us to assist you with tasks around your home. Please call the school office by Tuesday, May 16 (442-4471) if we can assist you with window washing, lawn raking, gutter cleaning, or any other miscellaneous tasks you may need assistance in completing.

SWC Circle #11 invites you to their annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast on May 29 from 7:30 am - 10 am at the high school cafeteria. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle, there will be sausages, juice, milk and coffee. Free will donations gratefully accepted.

Edgerton's annual Dutch Festival is July 6-8. The SWC Parents Club will again be providing a delicious array of locally-raised beef and pork, home-made ice cream, fresh baked pies, bakery buns, and more at prices families can afford. We consider it our opportunity to build camaraderie in our school, give back to our community, and raise funds for our Parents Club...who help provide some extra necessities to our teachers and students. Please mark your calendars and consider your church invited to join in the family-friendly festivities! See your church mailbox for more information.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Rosann VandenBerg, John & Jana Top, Cindy Spronk, Carter Bleyenbergh, Nilson Van Hulzen
PM – Karen Fey, Nicole Vis, Ellia Van Dyke, Kinley Schmidt

Valet: Dale Mesman

Ushers: Rod Corbin, Bennett Talsma, Jacob Masselink, Nate Stoel

Sound: Cory/Jesse

Video: Jacob

Projection: Lorelei/Blair

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

Children's Worship: Shannon Nykamp/Ellia Van Dyke

NEXT WEEK – MAY 21:

Nursery: AM – Jan Fey, Justin & Daci Moss, Shannon Nykamp, Carli Schaap, Victoria Prins
PM – Rebecca Vis, Mindy Blankers, Tage Moss, Judd Prouty

Valet: Dan Huisken

Ushers: Rod Corbin, Bennett Talsma, Jacob Masselink, Nate Stoel

Sound: Mark

Video: Grant

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Kim Veldhuizen

Children's Worship: Kelly & Shelbi Kroeze

Praise Team: Greg & Hannah Masselink, Kurt & Brooklyn Talsma, Brian & Ava Busker, Tadd & Victoria Prins

Keyboard: Kaitlyn Schelhaas

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
Churches, Costa Rica

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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota