

THE LORD'S DAY – JULY 23, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *"This is My Father's World"* & *"How Great Thou Art"* - Nicole Vis

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100:4-5

*Opening Songs of Honor: #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* (v. 1, 3, 4)
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

Standard of Righteousness: Ephesians 4:29

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

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

Scripture: Acts 4:1-22 (p. 1696)

Sermon: *"Jesus Gives Courage to the Ordinary"*

*Song of Response: #410 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Talking Bibles

*Benediction

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

Next Sundays Offering: Talking Bibles

THE LORD'S DAY – JULY 23, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift 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: Exodus 15:1-2

*Opening Song of Adoration: #428 *"O Worship the King"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 78 (selected portions)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #238 *"We Come, O Christ, to You"* (v. 1-2, 4-5)

Our Confession: The Belgic Confession, Article 29 (selected portion)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (p. 1776)

Sermon: *"A Connected Church"*

*Song of Response: #489 *"When Peace Like a River"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offertory: Blaire Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #633 *"He Is Lord"*

SERMON NOTES – JULY 23, 2023

JESUS GIVES COURAGE TO THE ORDINARY

Text: Acts 4:1-22

A CONNECTED CHURCH

Text: 1 Cor. 5:6-8

REFORMATION MATTERS: "What, must I turn away from my sins? Why, there before me are the graces of your Spirit. Must I turn away from corrupting company? There before me is fellowship with you and your Father. Must I turn away from honours and glory? There before me is the privilege of adoption. Must I turn away from worldly riches? There before me are the riches of your grace. Must I turn away from sinful pleasures? There before me is fullness of joy. Oh, who would fill their coffers with pebbles, when they may have gold and silver?" - Isaac Ambrose, in *"Into His Presence: Praying with the Puritans"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:45 am - Synod Recap
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Tuesday 7:00 pm - Consistory Meeting

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

August 10 - Potluck and pie auction

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We express our sympathy to and offer our prayers for the Van Essen family after the recent death of Howard "Chic" Van Essen. May the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, carry the family during this time as a tender shepherd carries his beloved sheep.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the morning worship service, the elders will be hosting a Synod 2023 Recap. There will be games and entertainment for children outside on the north parking lot.

The Muilenburg family will be away on vacation from July 28 - August 11. Please contact your care group elder or deacon if you have a need during this time.

Lord willing, we will celebrate the covenant baptism of Frank Stephen Feikema on Sunday, August 13. We rejoice with Phil and Katie on the birth and baptism of their son!

PRAYER WARRIORS: We are looking for some new prayer warriors to bless our incoming 7th graders this school year. Please consider this opportunity to bless the youth in our church! It simply involves the power of prayer and a once a month five minute meeting during the school year. If you have questions or would like to help out please talk to Nicole Vis.

COMMUNITY & MISC

Last school year, SWC was blessed with a chapel and visit from Margaret Njuguna, who started the EnGedi Children's Home in Kenya after serving as a missionary through CRWRC/Resonate for many years. She is currently a missionary supported by 1st CRC, Edgerton and Edgerton Reformed Church. At the end of chapel, she extended an invite for SWC students to visit and experience this ministry with her. The invite soon developed into a Christmas Break/Winterim idea. After prayerful reflection and planning, there are now 12 SWC students and 4 adults who will be serving with Margaret and experiencing Kenya from Dec 27-Jan 9. While much of the expense will remain with the students and adults attending, they have planned a couple of opportunities to raise support while serving our own community. Please join us for a Free Will Donation Supper on August 14th from 6-7:30pm. It will be behind the SWC Elementary school by the playground. There will also be games, activities, and crafts for kids and adults to participate in that represent different countries from around the world. These will be available from 6-8:30pm. We hope to see you there!

GEMS is looking for several more leaders/helpers for the upcoming season in September. Who wants to be part of a great mission!!! You are with another leader so you will always have a partner in your small group and if crafts aren't your thing, no worries! We have everything organized and planned ahead of time so you just show up and be present for these girls! This is a great ministry and we have been able to offer it to girls grades 3-8. To continue to offer it to those grades though we need your help! We need to have our team completed very soon so don't delay! GEMS is something these girls look forward to! Please talk to or call Jen Brands at 507-227-5880 with any questions or if you are willing to serve as a leader!

Gems Registration Night
Monday, August 7, 2023

7-10PM – Edgerton City Pool and Shelter House

Grab your suit and towel, it's time to get cool, with a summer party out by the pool! GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others - girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith! Join area girls for a great night of games, food, and swimming! We will get everyone introduced to GEMS Girls Club and registered for the upcoming year. Parents can come with their girls to the shelter house closest to the ball diamonds. You can look at this year's curriculum and fill out registration papers. The girls will stay there for some activities and you are free to leave and return by 10pm to pick them back up from the pool. You are also welcome to stay for the night's festivities if you would like!

Please call Jen Brands with any questions at 507-227-5880 or email at jen.brands623@gmail.com

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls- Faith Fellowship Weekend will kick off with worship on Friday, August 25 from 6:30-8:45pm- Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27 will be from 8:00am-3:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is Perseverance in Prayer. The scripture text comes from Philippians 4:4-7 “⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, August 3. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Holy People, God's Wisdom, And The Power Of The Cross - The Corinthian church was full of imperfect believers sorting out the impact of their faith on how they lived in the world. Join our Groundwork conversation as we examine 1 Corinthians 1-2 and hear Paul's reminder to return back to the basics and the heart of the gospel message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.

Kids Corner: Trusting God - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In Genesis 22:1-13, God tested Abraham's trust in a major way. As Abraham followed God's command, he might have wondered what God was doing, but because Abraham knew who God was and how much God loved him and his family, he trusted God's plan. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "God's Promise to Abraham."

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Jan F, Rebecca V, Jon & Kelsey S, Sawyer VH, Max VH
PM – Vonda T, Ashley S, Vera P, Ellia VD

Valet: Dale M

Ushers: Del VE, Owen T, Corey V, Randy F

Sound: AM-Mark B PM- Mark B

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan S/Jonathan S

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

Children's Worship: Mara M & Tage M

NEXT WEEK – JULY 30:

Nursery: AM – Steven & Kala T, Mindy B, Becky S, Levi VH, Isaac S
PM – Cindy S, Shannon N, Ava B, Nicole S

Valet: Dan H.

Ushers: Del VE, Owen T, Corey V, Randy F

Sound: Ray S.

Video: Grant B.

Projection: Kirk VH, Luis R

Medical Assistant: KIM V

Children's Worship: Tawni P, Carli S

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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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota