

**THE LORD'S DAY – JULY 30, 2023**  
**MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 119:153-154, 160

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Songs: *"Christ Our Hope in Life & Death"*

*"Speak, O Lord"*

God's Standard of Righteousness: The Ten Commandments

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:13-14, 17-18; Psalm 119:164-166

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #256 *"Out of the Depths I Cry"*

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

Scripture: Job 16:18-22 (and select verses from chapters 15-17)

Sermon: *"My Witness is in Heaven"*

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offering & Offertory: *"Cornerstone"*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *"Grace Flows Down"*

**THE LORD'S DAY – JULY 30, 2023**  
**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Mark Groen

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

\*Opening Song of Praise: #237 *"We Praise You, O God"*

Bible Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Prayer of God's People

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #540 *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

Scripture: Genesis 29:1-30

Sermon: *"But a Few Days"*

\*Song of Response: #291 *"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offering & Offertory: *"Jesus What a Friend of Sinners"* – Jessica Sjaarda

\*Confession of the Faith: Apostles Creed

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #315 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* (v. 1)

## SERMON NOTES – JULY 30, 2023

### MY WITNESS IS IN HEAVEN

Text: Job 16:18-22

### BUT A FEW DAYS

Text: Genesis 29:1-30

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** Reformation Matters: "What is sanctification?" - Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 35

### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

August 7 - GEMS Registration Night  
August 10 - Potluck and pie auction  
August 16 - Pipestone County Backpack Program distribution date (VIM)  
August 25-27 - Faith Fellowship Weekend  
September 12 - Growing Inward-Reaching Outward Conference

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The elders approved the membership transfer of Elizabeth Bonnema (Prins) to Faith CRC in Sioux Center. May the Lord bless Josh and Elizabeth as they settle in with their new church family in the Lord Jesus!

Lord willing, we will celebrate the covenant baptism of Frank Stephen Feikema, son of Phil and Katie, on Sunday morning, August 13. May the Name of the Lord be praised!

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Muilenburg family will be away on vacation from July 31 - August 11. Please contact your care group elder or deacon if you have a need during this time.

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.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

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 is Monday, August 7, 2023 from 7pm-10pm at the 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](mailto:jen.brands623@gmail.com).

The Pipestone County Backpack Program distribution date is Wednesday, August 16 from 10-4 at the VIM Thrift Store in Pipestone. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus by helping with school supplies and notes of encouragement to students! If you don't find a backpack to fill in your church, please consider purchasing school supplies or monetary donations. Please return to the VIM Thrift Store by the August 16 distribution date. Questions, call 507-215-0155. Thank you. Also, the VIM Thrift Store is asking for donations of brown paper bags for their daily bag sales.

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 “<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> 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](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Join us Tuesday, September 12 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women. Best-selling author, Carol Kent's life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at [Bibleleague.org/tickets](http://Bibleleague.org/tickets).

### **CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Groundwork: Only Glorify Jesus - The Apostle Paul offers a valuable perspective on power, authority, and leadership in the church, and a vital reminder that Christ is the foundation upon which we should build all things. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 3 to gain a better understanding of what it means to dwell in Christ and live and work as believers today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Don't Be Afraid - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). We all feel afraid at times. Maybe like the disciples in Matthew 8, you have been scared during a storm. Just like Jesus was with his disciples during the storm, it's important for us to remember that God promises to never leave us in our times of need. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "Jesus Calms the Storm."

Serve in the Middle East - Five times a day people are called to prayer in the Middle East. Do you feel the call to live and serve where the majority population is strongly influenced by the Islamic religion and culture? Resonate is recruiting young adults to serve with Cohort Middle East. Live in community, serve in a grassroots ministry, and grow in your faith. Learn more at [www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/cohort)

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY:

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

Praise Team: Jen & Kylee Brands, Vonda & Brooklyn Talsma, Jody & Kaitlyn Schaap

Keyboard: Brittany Forness

### NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 6:

Nursery: AM – Ben & Macy H, Jackie W, Ruth C, JT VH, Carson V.  
PM – Shawnie V, Kaitlyn Sche, Carli S, Brooklyn T.

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Logan B, Tyson B, Lester S, Steve E

Sound: Ray S.

Video: Grant B.

Projection: Kirk VH/Luis R.

Medical Assistant: Gord P.

Children's Worship: Kelsey & Kaden S.

## 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

### K & K

Global Serve International  
Central Asia

### Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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