

**THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Job 19:25-27

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Songs: *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

*"Living Hope"*

God's Standard of Righteousness: I Corinthians 10:1-13

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 2:20-21

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

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

Scripture: Job 20-21 (selected verses along with 21:34)

Sermon: "Because I Shall See God"

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn: #479 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

Congregational Prayer and Prayer for the Offering (Mid America Reformed Seminary)

Offering: *"Behold Our God"*

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *"To Worship You"* (v.2)

**Next Sundays Offering: Word & Deed**

**THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.**  
Led by: John Gorter

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

**Pastor:** I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

**People:** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

\*Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:14-16

\*Opening Song of Praise: #410 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Bible Reading: Psalm 27

Prayer of God's People

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #414 *"See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"*

Scripture: John 13:31 – 14:7 (Text: John 14:1-3)

Sermon: "Jesus Prepares a Place"

\*Song of Response: #409 *"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"* (vs. 1,3,4)

Prayer for the Offering (Mid America Reformed Seminary)

Offertory: *"Multiplied"* – Kaitlyn Schelhaas

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles Creed

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #633 *"He Is Lord"*

## SERMON NOTES – AUGUST 27, 2023

### BECAUSE I SHALL SEE GOD

Text: Job 20-21

### JESUS PREPARES A PLACE

Text: John 14:1-3

Why did Jesus leave the earth to go heaven?

#### **Reassuring Announcement**

The disciples are d\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is leaving

Reasons for Jesus leaving:

Jesus prepares a p\_\_\_\_\_ for us (:2)

“Father’s house”

“Mansions / rooms”

“Many”

Our settled home is in h\_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, do not be t\_\_\_\_\_ (:1)

#### **Reuniting Purpose**

When does Jesus come back? (:3)

What is so g\_\_\_\_\_ about heaven?

The best thing about heaven is \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus extends an invitation to join him

Jesus calls us to t\_\_\_\_\_ him (:1)

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "A friend is one of the greatest blessings on earth. Tell me not of money: affection is better than gold; sympathy is better than lands. He is the poor man who has no friends. This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joys." - J.C. Ryle (1816-1900) in *"Practical Religion"*

#### **THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship  
- Sunday school teachers meet (NE Conference Room)  
- Catechism teachers meet (Council Room)  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship  
Monday - GEMS leaders meeting

#### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

September 4 - SWC Pancake Breakfast  
September 6 - Kids of Grace Kickoff at the Rock River Park  
September 10 - Catechism teachers meet with their students in their assigned rooms after the AM service  
September 10 - Prayer Warriors  
September 12 - Growing Inward-Reaching Outward Conference  
September 13 - New (4<sup>th</sup> grade) Cadet orientation at Bethel at 6:30,  
- Edgerton Cadet Counselor planning meeting at 7:30  
September 17 - First day of Sunday school & Catechism & Choir  
September 27 - Cadet Season kickoff - Hotdogs and Game night at the Park.  
October 11 -First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton.

#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The nominations process for Office Bearers is starting again. Nominations can be turned into your Care Group Elder or given to members of the Executive Committee (Ryan Blom, Ron Nykamp, Greg Talsma, Phil Feikema or Pastor Scott). Please pray for those whom the Lord is calling to lead His bride, the church through the offices of Elder and Deacon. A separate sheet related to nominations will be in your church mailboxes. The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, August 27th.

Church directory updates have been put in mailboxes. These inserts are meant to be added to your existing directory. If you do not have a church directory and would like one please contact Jon Schmidt.

The Council is seeking an individual who desires to fill the Church Secretary position. This role

includes but isn't limited to producing and printing the weekly bulletin, creating multiple quarterly schedules, setting up the weekly power points, ordering office supplies, editing the website, etc. Please contact Ryan Blom or Ron Nykamp if you are interested in filling this position.

Over Labor Day weekend, there will be a combined evening service on Sunday, September 3. The worship service will be held at First CRC in Edgerton and will begin at 6:30 P.M

The upcoming Classis Minnkota meeting will be taking place on September 14 in Volga, SD. Volga CRC is calling a new minister and he will be examined on that day. Please pray for Volga CRC, their candidate, and for the business of classis.

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Southwest Christian invites you to a morning of fellowship on September 4, 2023 from 7:30 am to 10:00 am as Circle #2 hosts the annual pancake breakfast located at the high school. Come join us and support our students as we start a new school year, it is a freewill donation. Hope to see you there, God bless our new school year.

LCSS Pork Loin Supper will be Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 from 5:30-7:30. Pork Loin or Hamburgers, tea rolls, cucumber salad, potato salad and ice cream will all be served! Sign up sheet for food and to order pork loins will be out soon on the Fellowship hall table!

The Annual SWC Tractor Ride will be held on Saturday, September 9. We'll be starting at the Jasper City Park. Rolls and coffee will be served beginning at 8:30am. We'll hit the road at 9:30am and as we get into Edgerton, we will parade around Edgebrook. A noon meal will be served at the SWC high school cafeteria. We will then continue our ride which will conclude at Terry Rodman's windmill collection where coffee and fresh ollie bollen will be served! This event is free will donation - a donation box will be available at each location. If you can only ride part of the ride, or you don't have a tractor but would like to join in the parade, take your pick-up or UTV. You are also welcome to just come for the noon meal and see the tractors, or just come to the windmill collection and have afternoon coffee. With questions or to pre-register, call Kendra Kuipers at 507-227-0488.

LCSS Golf Scrambler Fundraiser will be Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the Luverne Country Club. Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. It is a best ball tournament. Teams of 4 are needed with \$75.00 entry fee per player, golf cart not included. Please call the Luverne Country Club (507)-283-4383 to get your team registered. Contact Shawn Vis with any questions (507)-301-2885

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

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.

### **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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Kids Corner: Encouragement: Bless Others - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). What does "blessing others" look like? We can bless others with our words, our actions, and our attitude. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace"

Groundwork: Love: The Guiding Principle For Christian Living. - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: [toursofisrael.wordpress.com](http://toursofisrael.wordpress.com) or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: [peter.tuininga@gmail.com](mailto:peter.tuininga@gmail.com)

Pray for People Impacted by Wildfires in Canada - In the last two weeks, wildfires have forced more than 50,000 people from their homes in Kelowna, British Columbia; Yellowknife, Northwest Territories (NWT); and the First Nations communities of N'Dilo and Dettah. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is currently monitoring the situation and response. Please pray for people affected by wildfires in Canada this year: pray for safety for families evacuating danger zones; pray for those who have been injured. Pray too for military personnel and emergency crews; pray for wisdom and swift action among authorities and leaders. To help World Renew respond to disasters like this, please go to [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net) to support World Renew DRS programs.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Carrie T, Kim VH, Levi & Mara M, Carter B, Lucas B.

PM – Jen B, Rosann VB, Grant B, Zackery B.

Valet: Mike Larson

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

Sound: Cory S.

Video: Jacob M.

Projection: Kirk VH/Luis R.

Medical Assistant: Brenda K.

Children's Worship: Becky S., Vera P.

Praise Team: Kirk VH, Brad P, Mark B, Kurt T, Greg M.

Keyboard: Brittany F

### NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 3

Nursery: AM – Carmen F, Karen F, Jody S, Nicole V, Kevin VH, Zachary M

PM – Lois S, Christa B, Makenzie P, Kaitlyn S

Valet: Jonathan S

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

Sound: Ray S

Video: Grant B

Projection: Lorelei/Blair

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship:

## 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