

THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 6, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Thomas Soodsma

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Order Worship: Psalm 150

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #542 *"The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear"*

Standard of Righteousness: Luke 10:25-37

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #462 *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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

Scripture: Jonah 4

Sermon: "The God Glorifying Life and Death"

*Song of Response: *"Facing a Task Unfinished"*

Congregational Prayer & Prayer for the Offering (Bill & Aletha Green – CLIR Ministries)

Offering

*Benediction:

*Doxology: #530 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

Postlude

THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 6, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Barry Miedema

Introit: *"God is So Good"* – Luke Busker

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

*Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1,2

*Opening Song of Praise: #244 *"God Himself Is with Us"*

Bible Reading: Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #116 *"I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice"*

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon: *"God Calls Moses"*

*Song of Response: #434 *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bill & Aletha Green - CLIR Ministries)

Offering & Offertory: *"Here I Am to Worship"* – Mara Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"*

SERMON NOTES – AUGUST 6, 2023

THE GOD GLORIFYING LIFE AND DEATH

Text: Jonah 4

GOD CALLS MOSES

Text: Exodus 3:1-15

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The Spirit enables us to use the sword he has given to us. He is the author of Scripture, but he is also the one who helps us grasp its significance. And as he works the word into our minds and hearts we become sensitive to the subtle lies of the devil...as we trust in the teaching of Scripture, as we sit under the ministry of it, the entrance of God's word gives us light and imparts understanding to the simple (Psalm 119:130)." - Sinclair Ferguson, in "*Maturity*", speaking of the "sword of the Spirit"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon. - GEMS Registration Night
Tues. 7:00 pm - Council, Elder, & Deacon Meetings
Thur. 6:00 pm - Potluck and pie auction

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

August 14 - SWC En-Gedi trip fundraiser
August 16 - Pipestone County Backpack Program distribution date (VIM)
August 20 - CG #7 will gather for lunch right after church at the City Park South Shelter House
August 25-27 - Faith Fellowship Weekend
September 12 - Growing Inward-Reaching Outward Conference

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers expressed to us after the loss of my father. The many cards, flowers and expressions of concern brought a sense of peace knowing our church family was lifting us up during the difficult days. – Dave & Brenda DePoorter

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 until August 11. Please contact your care group elder or deacon if you have a need during this time.

Prayer Warriors: We are still in need of a few volunteers for the upcoming school year. We'd love to have more men volunteers to be prayer warriors as we have quite a few 7th grade boys this year. If you'd like to help out in this simple way please reach out to Nicole Vis. (712-470-4907)

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!

Southwest MN Christian Schools will begin the 2023-2024 school year with its first day of classes on Thursday, August 24 for both the high school and elementary campuses. We will begin the day with chapel at 8:30am in the elementary gym and everyone is welcome! Preschool 3's will begin on Tuesday, September 5 and Preschool 4's will begin on Wednesday, September 6. Listed below are other important dates we'd like to highlight. Remember to check the calendar along with News & Announcements on our school website at www.swcschools.org for additional information and events as they become available. The theme at SWC this school year will be "Run the Race", focusing on Hebrews 12:1-3. SWC is grateful and excited for the opportunity to teach PK-12 students on fixing our eyes on Jesus and to be guided by his Word! We ask for your prayerful support as SWC continues to challenge students to be rooted in Christ, to grow in wisdom, and to bear fruit to the glory of God.

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.

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 tomorrow, 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.

On Sunday evening, August 13, Pastor Jack Vanden Heuvel will share a sight/sound slide program entitled "Summer" after the evening service at Bethel CRC, Edgerton. Photography with narration and music will feature much interesting nature photography, including the prairie, birds, butterflies, the monarch migration, the hummingbird migration, and people. All are invited! It is an hour long and will begin at 7:45pm

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.

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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

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: Dean E.

Video: Grant B.

Projection: Kirk VH/Luis R.

Medical Assistant: Gord P.

Children's Worship: Kelsey & Kaden S.

NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 13:

Nursery: AM – Dana H, Beth S, Alisha E, Thea N, Raelyn S, Lydia T

PM – Tanya T, Kim V, Shelbi K, Kinley S

Valet: Darrin DK

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

Sound: Jesse VH

Video: Luis R

Projection: Orey F, Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Jackie W, Ellia VD

Praise Team: Jayden B, Hannah M, Brooklyn T, Lydia T, Victoria P

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