

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 116:1-2

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Hallelujah for the Cross"*

"Amazing Grace—My Chains are Gone"

Standard of Righteousness: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Gratitude: #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

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

Scripture: Acts 5:17-42 (p. 1698)

Sermon: *"The Unstoppable Good News of New Life"*

*Song of Response: #400 *"Praise the Savior Now and Ever"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Holy Is the Lord"*

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Introit: *"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)* – Ruby Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

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

Call to Worship – II Corinthians 5:19-6:2

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: #486 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Confessional Reading: Canons of Dort, I, Art. 3-5: Gospel Preaching and Responses

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: #552 *"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"*

Scripture: Job 22-24 (22:1-5; 21-30; 23:1-10; 24:18-25)

Sermon: *"An Altar Call Without A Gospel"*

*Song of Response: #534 *"Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy"*

Offertory Prayer (Christian Education)

Offering and Offertory: Jayden Brands

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* (v. 4)

Next Sundays Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

SERMON NOTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE UNSTOPPABLE GOOD

NEWS OF NEW LIFE

Text: Acts 5:17-42

AN ALTAR CALL WITHOUT A

GOSPEL

Text: Job 22-24 (22:1-5; 21-30;
23:1-10; 24:18-25)

REFORMATION MATTERS "What do you understand by the providence of God?" - Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand. - Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
10:40 am - Prayer Warriors & Catechism teachers meet with their students in their assigned rooms
6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Tue. - Growing Inward-Reaching Outward Conference
Wed. 6:30 pm - New (4th grade) Cadet orientation at Bethel at 6:30
-GEMS Theme Night at Rock River Park
7:30 pm - Edgerton Cadet Counselor planning meeting at 7:30

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

September 17 - First day of Kid's Praise & Sunday school & Catechism & Choir
September 20 - Youth Group Kick Off. Community youth event at First Reformed Church
September 27 - Cadet Season kickoff - Hotdogs and Game night at the Park.
October 11 - First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We offer our prayers and our sympathies to Arlene Hulstein, as well as to the extended family of Larry Bleyenburg. Larry, Arlene's brother, died on Wednesday afternoon. May the Lord grant the family his peace and sustaining mercy during this time of grief.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Prayer Warriors: Today is our first meeting of the school year! Please take the paper that is in your mailbox, find your prayer partner, and sit in the front pews immediately after the AM service. We will have a 10 minute meeting before students head to catechism to meet their teachers.

Sunday school/Catechism: Today catechism students will meet briefly with their catechism teachers in their assigned room immediately after the service (or after meeting their prayer

warrior) to receive their books and first assignments.

Classis Minnkota will meet at Volga CRC on Thursday, September 14. Please continue to pray for our churches and delegates in the week ahead. Delegates from First are Pastor Scott, Cody Top (Ryan Blom - alternate), and Levi Mouw (Marshall Pater - alternate).

Children's Worship during the service is available to 3-5 year olds who have not started Kindergarten yet.

All catechism and Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, September 17. Because of class size and spacing issues, if you have a child that turns 3 by Sept. 1, they are welcomed to join the 3's Sunday school class for the year. If you have a child that turns 4 by September 1, they are welcome to join the 4's/5's Sunday school class for the year. Thank-you to all the many teachers and substitutes who are willing to faithfully teach our covenant youth!

Listed below are the teachers & classrooms for each grade:

3s Preschool: Stage/Basement Room 5 (Haley Vis)

4s/5s Preschool: Basement Room 4 (Courtney Vis & Ashley Stoel)

Kindergarten: Basement Room 2 (Alisha Ekkel)

1st & 2nd: Old Kitchen/Basement Room 3 (Shawna Sjaarda)

3rd/4th: Old Youth Room/Basement Room 1 (Grant Vis)

5th/6th: Old Council Room/Main Floor Room 1 (Ron Nykamp/Duane Baker)

7th/8th: Council Room (Ryan Blom)

9/10th: Old Library/Main Floor Room 2 (Greg Talsma)

11/12th: Pastor's Study (Pastor Scott)

Kid's Praise will resume when Sunday school begins on September 17 right after AM church for 3 year olds-2nd grade. We meet in the basement fellowship hall north side before Sunday school each week.

High School (9th-12th) Students - You are invited to First Reformed Church for a Community Youth Event on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm. We will be having a meal, followed by listening to speaker, Trenton Bass. Trenton was paralyzed his senior year of high school at Hills-Beaver Creek during their second football game on September 8, 2017. He will be sharing his story and how his faith has carried him through adversity and helped him persevere through such a tragic and life changing event. We hope you can join us!

Adult bells will meet Wednesday, September 20 7:45-8:30 in the front sanctuary for the first practice of the season.

If anyone is interested in joining the bell group or would like to play for PM introit/offering, please contact Priscilla Pater.

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY will begin on September 20, 2023 at 9:30 with registration and a light brunch of rolls and fruit in the Fellowship Room at First Christian Reformed Church. Child care and Story Hour will be available for children. The evening Bible Study will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room. This year we will study the Old Testament book of Micah. We welcome all women to join us in this study of God's Word.

The evening Coffee Break Bible study will resume on September 20 at 6:30PM in the new council room.

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. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Anyone 17 yrs. or older and in good health is able to donate. Thank you!

Hope Haven Talsma ATV & Horse Ride Benefit: Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATV's, side by sides, dirt bikes, or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park on Saturday, September 16. Talsma's Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in SE South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme, and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain, and more. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! Sign up today by visiting hopehaven.org/events.

Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on October 6. Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa beginning at 7 p.m. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Nick & Shawna S, Ann Marie B, Evon VH, Kalli B, Victoria P

PM – Vonda T, Tawni P, Sawyer S, Kaden S

Valet: Dave B

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

Sound: Jesse VH

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Orey F/Jody DK

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Melissa & Lilyana M

Praise Team: Brittany F, Haley V, Jennifer H, Brooklynn M

Keyboard: Karrie J

NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 17

Nursery: AM – Beth S, Justin & Daci M, Jan F, Parker B, Tyler P

PM – Alex N, Corey V, Hannah M, Tabitha S

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM: Dean E PM: Cory S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship:

Praise Team: Greg & Hannah M, Brian & Ava B, Tadd & Victoria P, Kurt & Brooklyn T

Keyboard: Brittany F

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

K & K

Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota