

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 44:6

*Opening Song of Adoration: *"Just As I Am"*

Standard of Righteousness: Proverbs 12:17-18

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"There is a Redeemer"*

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

Scripture: Acts 6:1-15 (p. 1700)

Sermon: "Towards a Comprehensive Ministry"

*Song of Response: #475 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Preparatory Reading for the Lord's Supper

Presentation of Bibles to the 3rd Grade Students

Commissioning of Ministry Leaders

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"We Will Extol You, God and King"* (v. 1)

Next Sundays Offering: Benevolence

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift up 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: Psalm 16:1-3

*Opening Song of Honor: #469 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-8 (p. 1210)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Confessional Reading: The Belgic Confession, Article 31 (selected portion)

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4 (p. 1892)

Sermon: "Shepherd's of God's Flock"

*Song of Response: #510 *"I Love Your Church, O Lord"*

Prayer for the Offering (Edgerton Food Shelf)

Offertory: Grant Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #560 *"Like a River Glorious"* (v. 2)

SERMON NOTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE MINISTRY

Text: Acts 6:1-15

SHEPHERD'S OF GOD'S FLOCK

Text: 1 Peter 5:1-4

REFORMATION MATTERS "What is the Lord's Supper?" - The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace." - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 96

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship & 3 rd graders receive Bibles
	10:40 am	- Kids praise, Sunday school, catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tues.	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
		- Community Youth Group Event Kick-Off
	7:45 pm	- Adult Bells
Thurs.	5:30 pm	- Friendship (Rock River Park shelter)

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

September 27	- Cadet Season kickoff - Hotdogs and Game night at the Park
September 28	- Christian Fellowship starts (lesson: Intro of new book, <i>Women of the O.T.</i>)
October 11	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel CRC Edgerton.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathies to and lift our prayers for Joann Schelhaas and Duane VandenBerg, along with their families, after the recent death of Colton Clausen, their nephew. May the Lord and God of all comfort minister his tender mercy to the family at this time.

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.

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

Today is the day! If you love to sing and enjoy praising God with your voice, come and join us in the choir room!! Grab something to drink and then meet with the choir at 11:00. Today is the

start of a new season and we would love to have you join us!

Kid's Praise starts today! Kid's Praise will meet right after AM church until 11:05 in the northwest corner of basement fellowship hall. It is for 3 year olds through 2nd graders.

All catechism and Sunday school classes will begin today! 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!

Coffee Break Bible Study will begin this Wednesday 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.

High School (9th-12th) Students - You are invited to First Reformed Church for a Community Youth Event on Wednesday 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 from 7:45-8:30 Wednesday night in the front of the sanctuary. New players welcome!!

Men's Society season is upon us. If you are interested in joining us for Bible Study (the Book of John) two Tuesday evenings per month, and, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or ask Rolland Schelhaas (442-6893) or Bud Vis (442-4771) and then state your intention to join us if you wish. We need to know by Sept. 30 so we can order a study book for you.

We are excited to welcome our missionaries Bill and Aletha Green, along with students from their Christian school, to Edgerton on October 11-19! They will get a chance to live in Christian homes in the U.S. and practice their English, and we will have the opportunity to learn from them about life in Costa Rica. Please see the insert in your mailbox about ways that you can pray, give, and help out while they are here. Contact Shawna Sjaarda (507-227-5970) or Jana Top (641-780-9884) if you are willing!

Looking for a way to give generously of your time in a way that will impact many who need help? Volunteers in Mercy Thrift Store in Pipestone is undergoing an organizational store REDO and is in need of MANY volunteers of all ages - guys, ladies and teenagers! We need willing hands who like to organize, sort winter clothes, clean, paint, fix things, decorate, haul furniture, and

more. Volunteers in Mercy is a nonprofit, Christian community assistance ministry that assists people who are hurting or in need. Proceeds from the store are used to help local families who need extra support of all kinds. Get a group of friends together to volunteer some day or evening that works for you! We are specifically looking for helpers all of September. Contact Jill Talsma or Erin Van Hulzen (507-227-7951) to join the fun!

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)

COMMUNITY & MISC

Friendship picnic is Thursday at 5:30pm at the Rock River Park shelter.

Word & Deed Prayer Update – Haiti - Insecurity has hovered over the Port-au-Prince area for more than four years and has now reached an unprecedented level. Adoration Christian School is surrounded by areas where gangs are in full control. Killings, rapes, kidnappings, and all manner of crimes dominate. Many Adoration students and staff live in these areas and some have been forced to abandon their homes to save their lives. We are grateful that Adoration can continue educating the students and providing a safe place at this time. It is difficult to know how to respond to these situations, but we know that God is on His throne. "The Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to His people" (Ps 29:10-11). Please continue to pray for this broken country.

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!

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 – 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: Shannon N & Raelyn S

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

Keyboard: Brittany F

NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 24

Nursery: AM – Myah J, Jorja H, Sydni VH, Hartley B, Megan B, Jessica S

PM – Becky S, Shawnie V, Tyler S, Clint S

Valet: Nathan S

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

Sound: AM: Mark B PM: Ray S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk VH

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Communion

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

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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota