

**The Lord's Day - January 14, 2024**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 89:5-7

\*Opening Songs of Honor: #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* (1, 2)  
*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Standard of Righteousness: James 3:9-12

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

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

Musical Offering: *"God Almighty Is"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-25 (p. 1712)

Sermon: "Christ Builds His Church"

\*Song of Response: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

\*Benediction

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

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Union Gospel Mission

**The Lord's Day - January 14, 2024**  
**Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 16:1-2

**Pastor:** Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People:** I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

\*Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

\*Opening Song of Adoration: #253 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 2 (p. 844)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

Confession of Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 36 (selected portion)

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-7 (p. 1764)

Sermon: "Being a Good, Christian Citizen"

\*Song of Response: #412 *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: Blaire Talsma

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

**SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 14, 2024**

**Christ Builds His Church  
Acts 12: 1-25**

**Being a Good, Christian Citizen  
Romans 13: 1-7**

**REFORMATION MATTERS** "What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment? - "That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I obey and submit to them, as is proper, when they correct and punish me; and also that I be patient with their failings - for through them God chooses to rule us." *Praying with the Puritans*"

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship  
6:30 pm - Evening Worship  
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break  
6:00 pm - Kids of Grace  
6:30 pm - Evening Coffee Break  
6:30 pm - Youth group (Small group)  
7:45 pm - Chimes

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner in the sanctuary after morning church today for our January meet up time before catechism.

If you need to make any changes to your church directory information or update your photo, please contact Kirk Van Hulzen.

Notes from Building Addition Finance: Your Generosity Continues! In our report at the congregational meeting, we showed debt of \$415,000 and a bank balance of \$35,000. Since that meeting, we've seen 45 days of record giving. As of December 31st, our debt has been reduced to \$300,000. Again we say Thank You, and Bless You All! Larry & Jon

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Save the date - Black and Gold Banquet will be February 10, 2024. Social hour at 5:45, devotion at 6:15. Are you interested in hosting a table of 8? If you are interested in hosting, would like to reserve seats, or need more information about the event contact Ashley at 507-442- 4471 or email at [astoel@swcschools.org](mailto:astoel@swcschools.org).

**NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL**

Please see separate sheet of paper (green) for notes from the council.

**COMMUNITY & MISC**

LCSS Soup Supper. The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31st at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Come on out and enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, rolls, BBQ's pies and desserts. The cost is a free will donation.

Monday, January 22- March for Life at MN State Capitol. 12:00 pm-1:00 pm This is a visual commemoration in honor of the countless lives lost yearly. We often ask "What can we do besides pray for our state and our country"? Here is an opportunity to show your support for LIFE! Join other Christians and go to our State Capitol on Monday, January 22. A motorcoach will be departing Pipestone at 7 am from Pipestone CRC and departing Woodstock Community Church at 7:20 am. Join others for a time of great fellowship, worship, and encouragement as we ride to the cities. The cost is \$55 for the comfortable ride, your meals are at your own expense. (Feel free to take a sack lunch if you prefer) We will return around 7 pm! Call Roxie Mulder ASAP at 507-227-0905, or email to roxiestours@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Please pray for the weather to be good for travel and God's blessings. If you can't go, would you join us in prayer for the 1000's that will gather at our capitol that day?

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 29, 2024 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 16 yrs.(with parents consent) or older and in good health is able to donate. We are looking for some of the younger members of our community to step up and donate a unit of blood for someone/somewhere.

Justice for All is hiring! Full time warehouse/transportation manager. Join the staff at JFA to further the ministry. Coordinate shipments, organize donated items, and build relationships with volunteers and ministry partners. CDL encouraged, but not required. Join a ministry that has been providing opportunities, building relationships, and redistributing resources through caring and sharing in Christ's name for over 40 years. Discover the way God uses JFA to meet the needs of those in our area, around the country, and around the world. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or contact for more information and full job description at 712.739.0055

Word & Deed Urgent Prayer Request: The country of Ecuador has had a growing problem with gangs in the last two years. The new President recently promised to fight against the drug cartels. In the last few days, gang leaders escaped prison and there have been prison riots. Gangs have taken to the streets across the country, vandalizing towns and the government has responded by mobilizing the army. Word & Deed's partners Mission San Lucas (children's afterschool programs & medical clinic) in Quinde and the MINTS Leadership Training in Quito are not operating this week but are safe at this time. Please pray for this country, Word & Deed's partners, and other Reformed missionaries & ministries in Ecuador.

From the Abide Project: There will be a regional gathering on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 6:00-9:30p CST at First CRC in Sheldon, Iowa. Dinner will be available starting at 5:00p. Feel free to join for all or part of the evening. All those in agreement with the CRCNA's position on human sexuality (as confirmed by Synods 2022 & 2023) please join us in Sheldon for the evening. We will

be having a meal followed by some guided discussion, encouragement, and prayer. The cost is \$10/person and can be paid when you arrive at the event. Please register at <https://www.abideproject.org/p/iowa-midwest-regional-gathering>

RESGEN Men's Summit 2024 will be an amazing day filled with encouragement, laughter, challenge and impact! The 2024 RESGEN Men's Summit is held Feb 3 at Central Church in Sioux Falls. The Summit will be simulcast at Bethel CRC in Edgerton from 8:00am to 1:30 pm. Men of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information or to register go to: [betheledgerton.org/resources/resgen-men-s-summit-2024.cfm](http://betheledgerton.org/resources/resgen-men-s-summit-2024.cfm)  
The Minnkota Deacons Association is seeking applicants for the Volunteers in Mercy Coordinator position effective January 1, 2024. Responsibilities include coordinating referrals from SW MN and SE SD agencies with diaconal outreach, initiating bi-monthly MDA/VIM board meetings, and submitting Classis reports and yearly newsletters. Please contact Ray Talsma at 507-227-1660.

Hope Haven presents Dylan Scott! Exciting news! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages on Thursday, March 14 at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Curb Records recording country artist Dylan Scott is a triple threat- a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit; and a family man with a tender heart. The ACM-nominated, multi-Platinum singer has notched three No. 1 singles-My Girl, Nobody, and New Truck, and a Top 5 hit- Hooked. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).

Justice For All is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of needs in MS. We'll also explore the rich history, culture and stories of slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. A day in Branson on the way home will round out a great trip! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA ([patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org) – 712-476-2804).

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY – JANUARY 14

Nursery: AM – Beth S, Kala T, Macy H, Nilson VH, Max VH

PM – Daci M, Ashley Sch, Grant B, Carson V

Valet: Mike L.

Ushers: Randy F, Del VE, John V, Owen T.

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Carmen F & Lilyana M

### NEXT WEEK- JANUARY 21

Nursery: AM – Thea N, Tanya T, Jackie W, Isaac S, Carter B

PM – Shawnie V, Kaitlyn S, Brooklyn T, Clara T

Valet: Jonathan S.

Ushers: Randy F, Del VE, John V, Owen T.

Sound: AM – Cory S. PM – Cory S.

Video: Grant B

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Tawni P & Raelyn 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

## CHURCH INFORMATION