

The Lord's Day - January 21, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

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

Standard of Righteousness: Colossians 3:12-13

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

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

Sermon: *"Being a Good, Christian Citizen"*

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

Preparatory Reading for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Union Gospel Mission

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day - January 21, 2024
Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude- *"Thy Word"*- Jaycee Kroeze

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 – Psalm 1:1-2

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 135:1-3 *"Sing Praise to the LORD God Almighty"*

Confessional Reading: Canons of Dort, I, Art. 12-13 *"Assurance and Its Fruit"* (p. 929)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 498 *"I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"*

Scripture: Job 34 (v. 21, 29)

Sermon: WHEN GOD IS SILENT AND HIDES HIS FACE

*Song of Response: 499:1-3, 6 *"My God, How Wonderful You Are"*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: *"Holy is the Lord"*- Shelbi Kroeze

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: 463:1,7 *"O Love of God, How Strong and True"*

SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 21, 2024

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

**When God is Silent and Hides His
Face
Job 34**

REFORMATION MATTERS "It is the apprehension of God's glory that constrains the fear of his name. It is that same glory that commands our totality commitment to him, totality trust and obedience. The fear of God is but the reflex in our consciousness of the transcendent perfection which alone could warrant and demand the totality of our commitment in love and devotion." - John Murray, in *"Principles of Conduct: Aspects of Biblical Ethics"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Mon. 7:00 pm - Men's Society
Tue. 7:00 pm - Consistory
Wed. 9:30 am - Coffee Break
 6:00 pm - Kids of Grace
 6:30 pm - Evening Coffee Break
 6:30 pm - GEMS & Cadets
 7:45 pm - Chimes
Thur. 9:30 am - Christian Fellowship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Warriors: Please meet with your prayer partner immediately after morning church today to connect and share prayer requests before catechism.

Lord willing, our congregation will have the joy of celebrating the Lord's Supper together next Sunday morning during worship. Please take time this week to reflect on the majesty of the Lord and his goodness to us in the crucified and risen Christ.

We offer our prayers for Willard Sankey and for Duane and Rosann Vanden Berg and their family after the recent death of Dennis Sankey. May the Lord grant his mercy, grace, and comfort to the Sankey family at this time.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC HOMECOMING WEEK is January 22-26 with lots of activities and games going on! SWC will be recognizing the high school graduating classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, 2014. There will be an alumni knockout game being played during half time of Thursday evenings game. Any band alumni are welcome to join the pep band before the varsity games on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday night. The class of 2025 will be offering sub sandwich meals during the game on Friday, January 26 to help raise funds for their senior class trip to Washington DC. New SWC apparel will be available for purchase, past yearbooks table, recognized class booklets, door prize drawings, and a photobooth! We hope to see you there! Come out for evenings of fun, food and basketball during our homecoming week.

Monday – January 22 - BBB & GBB double header @ Mountain Lake Area

Tuesday – January 23 - GBB home against Adrian/Ellsworth
Thursday – January 25 - BBB home against HLOF
Friday – January 26 - GBB home against HBC
Saturday – January 27 - BBB @ RTR

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.

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.

COMMUNITY & MISC

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?

Next Sunday evening during worship, the Cadets will be taking part in the worship service. Please make plans to join us in worship of our Triune God at 6:30 PM on January 28.

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

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
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.

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 – 712-476-2804).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY – 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.

NEXT WEEK- JANUARY 28

Nursery: AM – Raelyn S, Shelby K, Kinley S, Hannah M, Tabitha S
PM – Cindy S, Lori S, Lydia T, Makenzie P

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Dean E

Video: Kade F

Projection: Kirk/Jon

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

K & K

Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION