

**The Lord's Day – March 10, 2024**

**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

#170 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (1-3)

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #383 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Hope for All Tomorrows"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture: Acts 15:36-16:15 (p. 1720)

Sermon: *"The Church—Gathered and Strengthened"*

\*Song of Response: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #170 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* (v. 4, 6)

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Mid America Reformed Seminary

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**Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.**

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude: Judd Prouty - *"The Lord's Prayer"*

Silent Prayer: May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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 – Revelation 12:10-12

\*The Lord's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: 442 *"Abide With Me"*

Bible Reading: Job 40:6-24

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Thanksgiving: 556 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Scripture: Job 41:1-42:6

Sermon: BEHEMOTH AND LEVIATHAN – AND JOB

\*Song of Response: 384 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Vera Prouty – *"Onward Christian Soldiers"*

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 632 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Postlude: *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"*

**SERMON NOTES – March 10, 2024**

**The Church- Gathered and  
Strengthened  
Acts 15:36-16:15**

**Behemoth and Leviathan – and  
Job  
Job 40:6-24**

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "To this universal, visible church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the age. For this purpose he makes these means effectual by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise." - Westminster Confession of Faith, 25:3

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:40 am	- Kids Praise, Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Wed.	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	7:45 pm	- Chimes
Thur.	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	6:00 pm	-Music Committee Meeting in Old Council Room
	7:00 pm	- Friendship
Sat.	8:30 am	- Cadet Snow Derby

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a profession of faith class beginning soon. If you are interested in taking part in this upcoming class, please let Pastor Scott know.

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner today after the morning service for a time to catch up and pray together!

Coffee Break Bible Study will be hosting a special meeting on March 20 at First CRC in Edgerton and invites all women to attend. Mr. Brian Busker, teacher at SWC will speak on the history and basic beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Story Hour and nursery will be provided. Brian will also speak at the evening session of Coffee Break Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

If you have not yet heard, the CRCNA is moving out of its office in Grand Rapids, MI which means that Resonate's address is changing. They are no longer receiving mail at the old address, so please update the mailing address you have on file for us personally to the one listed below:

Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou, 702 Church St., Belgrade, MT 59714

Checks in support of our ministry should still be sent to Resonate. They do not yet have a new mailing address, but we reached out to the office and they let us know that for the time being, checks can still be sent to the old address at: Resonate, 1700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Our church is hosting an Easter Sunrise service (March 31) beginning at 7:00 a.m. We welcome our First CRC church families and the area church congregations along with visiting family and friends to join us as we remember Christ's finished work on the cross and his resurrection on that glorious Easter

morning! Please join us for this celebration as we greet Easter morning reflecting on God's word along with songs from the congregation and special numbers that walk us through Jesus' birth to the glorious resurrection day. Following the service, a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Fall Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday March 19th. Serving time is 5:30 -7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea, and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

The Sioux Valley Cadet Snow Derby will be held at Split Rock Creek State Park by Ihlen on Saturday, March 16. Cadets need to meet at Bethel at 8:30 a.m.

All women of the community are invited to the annual Maunday Thursday Brunch at First Reformed Church in Edgerton (230 Maple St.) Thursday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and muffins at 9:00a.m. Guest speakers this year include SWC school students and other church members who will share about their trip to En-Gedi Children's Home in Kenya, Africa. The Free-Will offering will go to the En-Gedi Children's Home which Margaret Njuguna founded.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 25, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or to confirm an appointment. Can we collect 75 units of blood for use by the Red Cross for someone/somewhere. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S. needs blood. Only 3% of eligible people donate. Anyone 16 years and older and in good health is able to donate. We encourage our younger people to step up and make a donation for someone/somewhere.

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes which will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 3-6, 2024. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions you can email us at [swmnrnk@gmail.com](mailto:swmnrnk@gmail.com). Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

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. Purchase tickets: [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events).

ATLAS for Life, Pipestone is excited to announce a new fundraiser! ATLAS will be hosting a greenhouse this spring supplied by VIP Floral and Greenhouse. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help "man" the greenhouse for the 6-8-week timeframe. We are having an organizational meeting

on **Tuesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the ATLAS office – 101 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE** in Pipestone (just north of the Ewert Rec Center) to learn more information about this volunteer opportunity for this fundraiser. Green thumbs and enthusiastic individuals are encouraged to attend this meeting for an afternoon of information, snacks, and interaction. Please call the ATLAS office if you are interested in this opportunity and unable to attend the meeting or with questions: 507.562.5777.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet Monday, April 1, 2024 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm. Save your spot by Sunday, March 24 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, Or Donate online at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)

Join us for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pipestone County Hospice Benefit on April 5. Enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship for a great cause at the Pipestone Country Club. Social hour will start at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6 pm. Dinner will be prepared by the Cattleman's Club, Staci's Bar and Grill, Goodies 4 U and Lingen Dairy. There will be a live auction after dinner with a raffle and silent auction taking place during the event. For any additional information, please contact 507-825-6024.

SAVE THE DATE - It is Tea Party time! All women (0-99+) are invited for a morning of tea, fellowship, and encouragement on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Sister's Tea will be celebrating our sisterhood in Christ as we "encourage and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Tea and other refreshments, a light lunch, and desserts are provided. Floppy hats optional! There will also be a free will donation box and silent auction with proceeds benefiting Royal Family Kids Camp in Southwest Minnesota (check them out on Facebook). So, gather your sisters in Christ and join us for a fun morning! For more information, visit "Sister's Tea" Facebook page. If you have any question or would like to reserve a seat(s) or a table (seats 8), please contact Ashley Stoel (507-227-6446) or Courtney Vis (507-920-2831). RSVPs are due by Monday, April 1.

Beautiful Life Conference 2024 is hosting a Teen Night for girls grades 7-12, and a Women's Conference this spring! Both events will feature speaker, writer, and radio-girl, Debbie Griffith! Debbie is an animated entertainer and a passionate encourager, activated by God's grace to help you live freely in His goodness. The Women's Conference will be Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with doors opening at 8 a.m. In addition to a great speaker, you will also experience powerful worship, meaningful connections, and even a little shopping! Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Gluten-free options will be available. Registration is \$50 per person. Girls Teen Night featuring Debbie Griffith on teen girl friendships, will be Friday, April 12 from 7-9 p.m. We would like every teen to hear about the importance of being a good friend and having good friends, so we are offering this as a FREE event to girls grades 7-12. Please register for either event at <https://arcluv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2150113> or call the church office at (507) 283-8600. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by April 1. NO tickets available at the door. Both events will be held at American Reformed Church, 304 N Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN.

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- MARCH 10

Nursery: AM – Ann Marie B, Kala T, Evon VH, Sydni VH, Hartley B  
PM – Vonda T, Daci M, Ava B, Lilyana M

Valet: Jonathan S.

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

Sound: AM – Cory S    PM – Cory S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Kirk/Jon

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Melissa M & Kinley S

### NEXT WEEK- MARCH 17

Nursery: AM – Shawnie V, Tanya T, Kaitlyn S, Sawyer VH, Levi VH  
PM – Ashley Sch, Thea N, Ryan P, Clint S

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Jesse VH    PM – Jesse VH

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Shannon N & Vera P.

Praise Team: Greg & Jacob M, Brian & Grant B, Howie & Aiden S.

Keyboard: Karrie J.

## 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

## CHURCH INFORMATION