

**The Lord's Day – March 17, 2024**

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

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 6:15b-16

Opening Songs of Adoration: *"My Worth is Not in What I Own"*

*"Just As I Am"*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #267 *"And Can It Be"*

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-40 (p. 1721)

Sermon: "The Unrivaled Power of Christ"

\*Song of Response: #469 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Mid-America Reformed Seminary

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *"Speak, O Lord"* (v. 1)

**Good Friday's Offering:** Benevolence  
**Next Sunday's Offering:** Christian Education

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

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Welcome

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 86:1-2

**Pastor:** Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**People:** Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

\*Call to Worship: Exodus 34:5-7

\*Opening Song of Honor: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 1-4)

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (p. 281)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: #291 *"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"* (v. 1-4)

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-2 (p. 1763)

Sermon: "Tiny Words, Grand Truths—Therefore"

\*Song of Response: #288 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Prayer for the Offering (Mid-America Reformed Seminary)

Offertory: *"This is Amazing Grace"* - Kaitlyn Schelhaas

\*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 5)

**SERMON NOTES – March 17, 2024**

**The Unrivaled Power of Christ  
Acts 16:16-40**

**Tiny Words, Grand Truths-  
Therefore  
Romans 12:1-2**

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "The responsibility of the church in the new age is the same as its responsibility in every age. It is to testify that this world is lost in sin; that the span of human life...is an infinitesimal island in the awful depths of eternity; that there is a mysterious, holy, living God, Creator of all, Upholder of all, infinitely beyond all; that he has revealed himself to us in his Word and offered us communion with himself through Jesus Christ the Lord; that there is no other salvation, for individuals or for nations, save this, but that this salvation is full and free, and that whoever possesses it has for himself and for all others to whom he may be the instrument of bringing it a treasure compared with which all the kingdoms of the earth—no, all the wonders of the starry heavens—are as the dust of the street." - J. Gresham Machen, in *"Selected Shorter Writings"*

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:40 am	- Kids Praise, Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	2:30 pm	- Annual Music Festival
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Wed.	9:30 am	-Coffee Break (Last meeting)
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- GEMS Father/Daughter night
	7:45 pm	- Chimes
Sat.	8:30 am	- Cadet Snow Derby (postponed from the 16 <sup>th</sup> )

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us here at First CRC this afternoon at 2:30 for the annual Musical Festival. Southwest's Choirs, area churches and choral groups will present individual numbers during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir in the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be taken for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser for circle #12)

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.

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.

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is now open for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year and we couldn't be more excited! What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, [swcschools.org](http://swcschools.org). For more information, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at [elementary@swcschools.org](mailto:elementary@swcschools.org). If you'd like to tour the school and check out the Preschool area, we'd welcome you to do that as well. Come experience the difference at SWC!

## COMMUNITY & MISC

The First Presbyterian Church of Edgerton has decided to reach out to the children of our community and provide lunch (noon time) to any children that would like to come. This would be done at one of the shelters at the City Park. Kids would be able to come after ball practice and/or before going swimming. We are putting this out there to see if any other church would like to provide a meal on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Wednesday of June, July, and August. Please let us know ASAP so we can let kids know to come join us on Wednesdays. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of your church if you are interested in helping this summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donna Hulstein (220-5975) or Deb Johnson (227-9438).

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](mailto: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.

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 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 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.

### NEXT WEEK- MARCH 24

Nursery: AM – Macy H, Jackie W, Cindy S, Grant B, Max VH  
PM – Lori S, Rosann V, Jonathan S, Sawyer S

Valet: Coleton H.

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Dean E

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Gord P

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Isaac S

Praise Team: Mark & Lori B, Tadd & Erica P, Kurt & Vonda T

Keyboard: Kaitlyn Sch.

## 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