

The Lord's Day – April 28, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome

Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3b-4

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Behold Our God"*
"My Life is in You, Lord"

Standard of Righteousness: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #489 *"When Peace Like a River"*

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

Scripture: Acts 19:23-41 (p. 1727)

Sermon: *"Christ and Our Idols"*

*Song of Response: *"My Worth is Not in What I Own"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: GEMS Ministry

*Benediction

*Closing Song: *"Holy is the Lord"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Hope Haven-Edgerton

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Evening Worship - 6:30 P.M.

Combined Service with Bethel CRC

SERMON NOTES – April 28, 2024

Christ and Our Idols Act 19:23-41

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The Christian hope is the hope of a time when even the possibility of our sinning will be over. It is not the hope then of a return to the condition of Adam before the fall but the hope of an entrance into a far higher condition." - J. Gresham Machen, in *"Things Unseen"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Combined Service with Bethel CRC
Wed	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace- Final Meeting
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group- Final meeting

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott plans to start a new evening sermon series on the book of James around the first part of May. An exact date is not set yet. ESV Scripture Journals are available by signing up on the sheet in the foyer. These journals have the scripture printed on the left side, the right side is lightly lined for taking sermon notes or to record insights or prayers. The blank side could also be used to copy scripture as an aid with memorization. A copy of the journal is on the podium. Many of you have already signed up for a copy, but if you didn't, you still have a chance to get a copy at no charge. The sign up sheet will be in the foyer until Monday evening, April 29.

There will be a combined evening worship service tonight at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. The GEMS ministry will take part in a portion of the service and there will be an offering taken for GEMS as well. The service begins at 6:30 P.M.

We lift our prayers for the family of Ellen Wynia after her recent death. May the God of hope grant the Wynia family all joy and peace as they trust in him.

In order to process an overture that we've recently received from Worthington CRC, there will be a special meeting of Classis Minnkota on Thursday, May 2 at 7 PM via Zoom. Delegates from First will be selected soon. Please keep our discussions and decisions in your prayers this week.

The elders have received and approved the membership transfer of Andrew and Amber Top, along with their children Jonah, Eden and Micah, from Grace Central PCA in Omaha. Please take the time to welcome the Top family into our congregation here at First!

We would like to express our thanks to Pastor Scott and Pastor Lee and to the congregation for the prayers, kind words, cards and food we received in the passing of Elmer. It is such a blessing to belong to a caring and loving church family. Thank you for the love shown to us during this difficult time. Hennie DeKam, Wes & Sheila DeKam, Heather & Rod Bleyenbergh, Ashley & Nate Stoel, Courtney & Grant Vis and families.

Final youth group meeting of the year is this Wednesday, May 1. Meet at the Van Hulzens for pizza, ice cream and a time to remember our seniors. See you at 6:30!

Mother's Day is approaching! If you would like to update your picture for the Mother's Day slide show, please email your updated picture to firstcsrcsec@yahoo.com by **May 8**.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKE SALE: With planting season in full swing, more beautiful weather in store and busy spring schedules or upcoming graduation parties to think about, SWC Circle #5 & Circle #12 are teaming up again for their *ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER* that will help feed your family's sweet tooth at a moment's notice! Let us do the work for you so you can sit back and enjoy the treats! On the morning of Friday, May 3, make plans to come at 9:30am to hear the kids singing their hearts out at the SWC Elementary School Spring K-4 program, and then enjoy browsing the tables of *Homemade Baked Goods* immediately *AFTER* the program is finished (the Bake Sale will begin around 10:30, or whenever the program is done). Thank you in advance for supporting this Bake Sale Fundraiser for SWC School!

On your mark...get set...GO! Tie your shoe strings and begin your race with the SWC K-4th grade musical: *The Amazing Grace Race* on Friday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Join us in the SWC elementary campus gymnasium to hear how these young racers are learning that the secret to running life's grace race is to follow in His steps but in their shoes. When facing tough stretches through places like the Valley of Despair and Badlands Bog, these kids learn the value of love, forgiveness, perseverance, and the value of working as a team. Running with faith, they look to the great cloud of witnesses cheering them on and consider the signs they are leaving for those who will come behind. Most importantly, they run so as to cross the finish line and hear Jesus say, "Well done!"

You won't want to miss this! SWC Schools presents: *Whimsical Tunes: A 5-12 Bands and Choirs Variety Show*". This is an evening filled with a vast variety of music such as folk tunes, marches, sacred and worship music, movie themes, pop tunes, and even some novelty numbers that you won't want to miss! The concert will be held at the SWC High School Gymnasium on May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Circle #11 would like to invite you to their annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast on May 27 from 7:30-10:00 in the high school cafeteria. They will be serving pancakes (new this year there will also be an option of gluten free pancakes), sausages, and juice, milk, or coffee. Freewill donation for SWC.

Southwest Christian Schools is conducting their annual Spring Building Drive. Money raised will help cover the expenses of summer projects. These projects include replacing asbestos tile in the high school hallway and a classroom, new carpet in the high school office, soccer field upgrade (1 of 2 parts), updating the bathrooms on the east end of the high school, and a small painting project on the stage at the elementary school. A detailed list of the projects and costs can be viewed by visiting <https://www.swcschools.org>. Donations can be submitted online, dropped off at either school office, or mailed to 550 W. Elizabeth St., Edgerton, MN 56128. Thank you for your continued support!

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. For more information, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at 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

Vacation Bible School: Join us for a fun-filled week of being immersed in the Word and discovering what Living Water is all about! Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School for June 10-14! The registration table is set up with paper forms or you can also register online! To find those- check out our "VBS - Edgerton, MN" Facebook page. The cost is \$10 per child. There will be no walk-ins this year, so please get signed up by May 26. We also have helper sign-up sheets out; we would love to have you join us this year! We are ready to dive into friendship with God!

Seize the opportunity for early bird registration by April 30th for Mid-America Reformed Seminary's 2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference! Mark your calendars for October 11-12 and join us at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to be inspired by plenary speakers sharing insights on reaching our local communities and the nations with the gospel message. Discover more details at midamerica.edu/cme/conference.

Save the Date: Word & Deed Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-Thon

It's that time of year again! We're gearing up for this year's Coast-to-Coast Bike-a-thon to be held on Saturday, June 1, D.V. Gather your friends and family, choose a route to bike, and raise funds for Word & Deed's projects in South Africa. For more details and to register your team, go to wordanddeed.org/bikeathon. We're looking forward to having many of you participate in this year's event!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- APRIL 28:

Nursery: AM – Mindy B, Mara M, Kim V, Shelbi K, Jessica S
PM – Tanya T, Vonda T, Kaden S, Kevin VH

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Tyson B, Logan B, Lester S, Steven E

Sound: AM – Jesse PM- Combine at Bethel

Video: Grant B

Projection: Jared/Blair

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Kelsey S & Lilyana M

Praise Team: Kirk VH, Brad P, Mark B, Kurt T, Greg M

Keyboard: Kaitlyn S

NEXT WEEK- May 5

Nursery: AM – Megan B, Thea N, Nicole V, Levi VH, Judd P
PM – Kala T, Rebecca V, Ava B, Hartley B

Valet: Jonathan S

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

Sound: AM – Jeff/Devin PM- Jeff/Devin

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Tawni P & Max VH

Praise Team: Mara, Jorja, Shelbi, Vera, Carli, Kinley, Blaire

Keyboard: Karrie Johnson

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

CHURCH INFORMATION