

The Lord's Day – July 28, 2024
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Duane Tinklenberg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-4

*Opening Song of Adoration: #556 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
"Shine Jesus Shine"

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"All Before the Throne of God Above"*

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-24

Sermon: The Waiting Father

*Song of Dedication: #32 *"How Blest are They Whose Trespass"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Sos and Kara Maletoungou

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #632 *"To God Be The Glory"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Word and Deed

The Lord's Day – July 28, 2024
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Nathan Nieuwendorp

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.*

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 479 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"In Christ Alone"*

Scripture: John 14:1-7

Sermon: JESUS: The Way

*Song of Response: 436 *"This is My Fathers World"*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Sos and Kara Maletoungou

Offertory: Jayden Brands

*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (p. 814)

*Benediction

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

SERMON NOTES – July 28, 2024

**The Waiting Father
Luke 15:11-24**

**JESUS: The Way
John 14:1-7**

REFORMATION MATTERS "One of the most significant aspects of perseverance is the intercession of Christ. In the High Priestly Prayer, Jesus prayed that the Father would keep his elect from falling (John 17:11). We persevere only because God, in His grace and power, preserves us...Even as regenerate creatures, we are capable of full and final falling, if left to ourselves. But God does not leave His people to their own devices. The Lord intercedes for us constantly, so that we will not fall away." - R.C. Sproul, in *"Truths We Confess: A Systematic Exposition of the Westminster Confession of Faith"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 10:45 am - Sunday School and Catechism Teacher Meetings
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, there will be a meeting for all Sunday School and Catechism teachers. Sunday school teachers, please meet in the old council room and catechism teachers, please meet in the council room at 10:45.

GEMS is looking for a couple more leaders for the upcoming season in late August/September. Who wants to be part of a great mission!!! You are with another leader so you will always have a partner in your small group and if crafts aren't your thing, no worries! We have everything organized and planned ahead of time so you just show up and be present for these girls! This is a great ministry and we have been able to offer it to girls grades 3-8. To continue to offer it to those grades though we need your help! We need to have our team completed very soon so don't delay! GEMS is something these girls look forward to! Please talk to or call Jen Brands at 507-227-5880 with any questions or if you are willing to serve as a leader!

GEMS Registration Night will be Monday, August 12, 2024 from 7pm-10pm at the Edgerton City Pool and Shelter House
Grab your suit and towel, it's time to get cool, with a summer party out by the pool! GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others - girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith! Join area girls for a great night of games, food, and swimming! We will get everyone introduced to GEMS Girls Club and registered for the upcoming year. Parents can come with their girls to the shelter house closest to the ball diamonds. You can look at this year's curriculum and fill out registration papers. The girls will stay there for some activities and you are free to leave and return by 10pm to pick them back up from the pool. You are also welcome to stay for the night's festivities if you would like! Please call Jen Brands with any questions at 507-227-5880

or email at jen.brands623@gmail.com

The 2023/2024 Sunday School offering was for Engedi Children's home, and the total collected was \$1255.04. May God bless and multiply the gifts given by the children of our church!

Dear brethren of First CRC - we JUST received all the Christmas cards! Thank you SO MUCH for the beautiful messages, fotos and words of encouragement. We had such a good time with our seniors last year. Thank you again for the cards and letters - may God bless each one, and your congregation! Rev. Bill & Aletha Green

A church pantry shower will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm to honor Zach Prins & Jenna Andringa, Ian Vanderwal & Morgan Wingert, and Clayton Huisken & Eve Dobson. We'd love to have you join us to celebrate these couples and to shower them with kitchen/pantry items for their new homes. If you cannot attend the shower, gift tables will be set up the week prior for you to leave your pantry items. What a blessing for our church family to generously shower these couples with love, encouragement, and gifts!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advance Date: SWC 7th Annual Tractor Ride Fundraiser: Saturday, September 14 beginning at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

COMMUNITY & MISC

The 2024 Classis synodical delegates will be in Bethel CRC, Edgerton on Thursday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. to give a report on Synod 2024. You are invited to join us in this meeting. There will be a question-and-answer period following the presentation.

The 2024 Abide Project convention will be held July 30th-31st at First CRC, Sioux Center. The theme this year is drawn from Titus, "contend for the faith!" Join us for two days of instruction from God's Word, fellowship and discussion. The cost is \$100 for both days, which includes admission and all meals as well as lodging at Dordt for those who would like it. If you cannot make the entire convention, join us for our special public session with Dr. Jeff Wiema, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Seminary July 30th beginning at 7pm. He will be giving a talk on "The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)" This portion of the conference is free, and all are encouraged to attend! Please go to www.abideproject.org to register. We hope to see you there!

ATLAS for Life (101 2nd St. NE – Pipestone) will be hosting a one-day conference for men and women – **Simple Tools for Victorious Living – on Saturday, August 24 from 9am-5pm** with lunch provided. Whether you are new to the faith or have been a believer for a long time, this one-day training will equip and strengthen your ability to live victoriously as you forward in

your own spiritual process. The training will be led by Marie Larson from Vibrant Life Consulting. **Cost is \$50.** Please pre-register by contacting the ATLAS office at 507.562.5777, email: office@atlasforlife.org, or stop at the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00am-5:00pm. More information can be found on the ATLAS website: www.atlasforlife.org

Join us 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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- JULY 21:

Nursery: AM – Ashley Sch, Karen F, Becky S, Victoria P, Tabitha S
PM- Jana T, Lori S, Blaire T, Lilyana M

Valet: Dale M

Ushers: Josh K, Eric S, Derek F, Micah F

Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jonathan/Kirk

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Kelsey S, Carli S

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 4:

Nursery: AM – Kim V, Christa B, Shawna S, Carter B, Levi V
PM- Ruth C, Carmen F, Sawyer V, Tyler S

Valet: Dan H

Ushers: TBD

Sound: AM – Jesse V PM – Jesse V

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Jon/Orey

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Mindy B & Max VH

Praise Team: Jayden, Ava, Hannah, Brooklyn, Lydia, Victoria, Clara

Keyboard: Sarah B

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

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Global Serve International
Central Asia

Cornerstone Prison Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION