

The Lord's Day – August 11, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Revelation 4:11

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: 504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

135:1-2 *"Sing Praise to the Lord God Almighty"*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession – Isaiah 6:1-5

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 6:6-8

God's Standard of Righteousness – Summary of the Law

*Song of Thanksgiving: 199 *"I Am the LORD Your God"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,

located downstairs in Room 4.

Scripture: Revelation 8:1-13; 11:15-19

Sermon: "THE SURPRISING RESULTS OF PRAYER"

*Song of Response: 434 *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

Prayers of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Parting Song: 593;1 *"My Song Forever Shall Record"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Margaret Njuguna- EnGedi Children's Home

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Introit: *"Ode to Joy"* - Kambrie Schmidt

"As the Deer" - Kaden Schmidt

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?

People: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: Exodus 15:13

*Opening Song of Adoration: #239 *"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Proverbs 10:11, 18-21; 12:25 (p. 997)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #486 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12 (p. 1883)

Sermon: "The Most Uncontrollable Thing at the Circus"

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

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Come Thou Fount"* & *"It Is Well"* - Kinley & Kelsey Schmidt

*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #633 *"He Is Lord"*

SERMON NOTES – August 11, 2024

The Surprising Results of Prayer
Revelation 8:1-13; 11:15-19

**The Most Uncontrollable Thing at
the Circus**
James 3:1-12

REFORMATION MATTERS "Commonly we think of Christ's office of priest as consisting in his death and resurrection. Yet there is also another important aspect of his priesthood...namely his life of obedience from the manger to the grave. As the Second Adam, Christ differed from Old Testament priests insofar as they only offered sacrifices for people, but they did not and could not obey the law for people. The Old Testament priesthood addressed the breach of the law only; but the righteousness that God requires is addressed by the perfectly obedient priest." - Mark Jones, in *"A Christian's Pocket Guide to Jesus Christ"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank our church family for your thoughts and prayers for Jen and our family during the time before, during and after her recent surgery. We felt God's love and care through it all and continue too as she recovers at home. Ross & Jen Brands and family.

Adrian Kuipers will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Tuesday, August 13. We praise God that He has allowed Adrian to reach this milestone. To celebrate, the family will be having an open house in the dining room at the Edgebrook apartments on August 13 from 1:30 to 4:00. Please stop by to wish him Happy Birthday!

The nomination's season is upon us again. The Council is asking for the Congregation to prayerfully submit their nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. We will need to select three Elders and three Deacons. Nominations should be written down and turned in with your signature. Please give your nominations to an Elder no later than Sunday, August 25. A sheet has been placed in your mailboxes with further information and a list of qualifications for Elder and Deacon.

Kids of Grace Ministry would like to thank Karen Fey and Brenda Kooi for their many years of faithful service. Since they will not be returning this fall, we are in need of more volunteers! Would you be willing to help bring food, lead music and singing, be a substitute lesson leader, pick up and drop off kids, or come every week to help the kids during the Bible lesson? Please contact Jana Top or sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in serving in this ministry!

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

A church pantry shower will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm to honor Zach & Jenna Prins (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!

Rock Valley CRC Flood Fund: \$31,718.12

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class will begin at Southwest MN Christian Schools on Thursday, August 22. We are blessed beyond measure to welcome your children back to school! With your support the mission at SWC continues: to grow and learn together, firmly rooted in Christ, so we can glorify God and bear the fruit of service to others. We're extending an invitation to all of you to join us as we kick off our first day with **Opening Chapel at the Elementary Campus at 8:30am**, exploring our school theme for this year, "Rise Up!" based on Isaiah 40:28-31. We hope to see you there!

August 12: Fall Athletic/MSHSL practices begin

August 19: Freshman Orientation 5:30 - students, Parents joining for supper and information meeting at 6:15

August 20: Elementary Open House 5:45pm-7:45pm

August 22: K-12 First Day of School and Opening Chapel

August 23: K-8 School Pictures

August 26: High School Pictures

August 28: Kingdom Kids Preschool Open House and Pictures

August 30: No school

Over the summer, our **Southwest MN Christian Schools** Building Committee continued to gather details and determine best steps in considering a building expansion at the High School and Elementary campuses. We have worked toward accuracy and cost efficiency and for the proposed building by communicating with engineers and construction managers. We have also considered whether this is a building that our school, community and supporters can financially support. In faith, the Building Committee is moving forward with the new information and timeline outlined in the documents below. **The SWC Society vote will take place on August 28.** Absentee ballots will be available at both school offices beginning August 12. Please review the following documents which can be found on the SWC school website at www.swcschools.org under the Who We Are tab

LCSS Pork Loin Supper will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 at Luverne CRC. Pork Loin or Hamburgers, tea rolls, cucumber salad, potato salad and ice cream will all be served. Freewill donation. Please join us in supporting Luverne Christian School Society!

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

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- AUGUST 11:

Nursery: AM – Dana H, Kaitlyn Sch, Shawnie V, Megan Blo, Kinley S
PM- Vonda T, Andrea L, Ryan P, Parker B

Valet: Duane V

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jody/Jared

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Mara M & Carson V

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 18:

Nursery: AM – Kim VH, Jackie W, Nicole V, Nicole S, Vera P
PM- Rosann V, Lois S, Sawyer S, Zachary B

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Dean E

Video: Grant B

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Mindy B & Raelynn S.

Praise Team: Mark, Greg, Kirk, Kurt, Brad, Seth

Keyboard: Brittany

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

COMMUNITY & MISC

The board of the Legacy Thrift Store invites all volunteers and their spouses to an appreciation dinner as thanks for all the hours you have worked. The dinner will be held in the ARC center of the American Reformed Church at 1720 N Burlington Ave, Worthington at 6PM on August 19, 2024. We need to know how many will be coming so please sign up by August 14 at the store or call Joyce Aykens (507)372-2017 or Verla Wheeler (507)360-5811.

Sanford Hospice-Luverne has recently reopened the Luverne Hospice Volunteer office. They are currently looking for volunteers to help provide comfort, compassion and quality end-of-life care to patients and their family members in the Luverne, Edgerton and Adrian area. Volunteers provide services within local care facilities, the Hospice Cottage and within a patient's home. If you would be willing to volunteer 1-2 hours a week and want to make a difference, they would love to have you join their volunteer family. No experience necessary; they will provide all the training you need. Please contact Carrie Overgaard, the Luverne Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at 605-501-9008 or carrie.overgaard@sanfordhealth.org.

Volunteers in Mercy (VIM) is once again offering a school backpack program for needy families in Pipestone County. Backpacks and school supplies have been purchased and will be filled for an August 27 distribution date. If you would like to volunteer for filling backpacks and distribution, contact Dennis Kroll (507-215-4465). If you know of a family in Edgerton that has a need, also contact Dennis. Financial donations would be welcome for this program and can be dropped off at Jan Schelhaas (Deputy Registrar, PO Box 22, Edgerton).

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.