

**The Lord's Day – August 18, 2024**

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

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude - *"Above All" – "My Life is in You, Lord" – "O the Deep, Deep Love"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 130:7-8

\*Opening Songs of Honor: *"Lord, I Need You"*  
#544 *"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

Standard of Righteousness: Philippians 4:8

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #231 *"How Great Is the Love of the Father"*

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:1-32 (p. 1739)

Sermon: *"Hope is a Good Thing"*

\*Song of Response: *"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"* (Trinity Hymnal 518)

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Margaret Njuguna: En-Gedi Children's Home

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: *"We Will Extol You"* (v. 1)

\*Postlude: *"We Will Extol You"* (v. 2-4)

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Volunteers in Mercy

**The Lord's Day – August 18, 2024**

**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**

Led by: Pastor Tim Kooiman

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-4

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: #490 *"Blessed Assurance"*

Congregational Prayer

Bible Reading: Colossians 1:15-23

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #557 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-50

Sermon: Christ, Our Champion

\*Song of Response: *"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: EnGedi Children's Home

Offertory: *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*- Lydia Talsma

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

**SERMON NOTES – August 18, 2024**

**Hope is a Good Thing  
Acts 26:1-32**

**Christ, Our Champion  
1 Samuel 17:1-50**

**REFORMATION MATTERS** "By their profession of faith saints are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion with each other in the worship of God and in the performance of other spiritual services for their mutual improvement. They are also bound to help each other in material things according to their different abilities and needs. This fellowship is to be offered, as God gives the opportunity, to everyone in every place who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus." - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26.2

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Thur	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We congratulate Ian and Morgan (Wingert) Vander Wal on their recent marriage! May the Lord bless them with many years together as husband and wife as they picture Christ's love for his church.

Next Sunday, we look forward to the covenant baptism of Kade Franklin Hanson, son of Ben and Macy Hanson. May the Lord encourage all his people as his gospel promises are made clear and visible in Kade's baptism.

Rev. Tim Kooiman will be leading our worship service this evening. Pastor Tim grew up in Edgerton and now serves as the minister at Delavan CRC in Delavan, WI.

Prayer Warriors: With fall activities resuming, we just wanted to give a heads up about our first prayer warrior meeting. We will meet September 8 after the morning service with kickoff questions provided. Thanks in advance for all the prayers and time spent on our 7th-12th graders!

8/04/24 Word and Deed Offering: \$3475.51

Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday, August 22 at 9:30 at the Edgebrook Independent Apartments; Lesson 3.

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.

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!

A church pantry shower will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 pm to honor Zach & Jenna Prins (Andringa), Ian & Morgan (Wingert) Vanderwal, 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

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

Do you have an hour available on Friday mornings? Come join Moms in Prayer. We meet each Friday morning throughout the school year, starting August 23. We meet at 8:15 at SWC High School. We pray over our school, students, teachers and staff. We'd love for you to join us. This is open to all moms, no matter the age of your kids. Join us each week, or whenever a Friday morning works for you. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kimber Van Essen at 507-220-3465

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](http://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.

### 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://midamerica.edu/cme/conference).

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- 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

### NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 25:

Nursery: AM – Lori VE, Evon, VH, Jan F, Judd P, Carson V  
PM- Jen B, Megan B, Clint S, Devin S

Valet: Mark S

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Kirk/Jon

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Melissa M & Lilyana M

## 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