

**The Lord's Day – August 25, 2024**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1

\*Opening Song of Adoration: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"*

Standard of Righteousness: 2 Timothy 1:8-9

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptism of Kade Hanson

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"His Robes For Mine"*

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 27:18-28:10 (p. 1741)

Sermon: "O'er Troubled Sea"

\*Song of Response: #452 *"He Leadeth Me"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Volunteers in Mercy (VIM)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"* (v. 1, 3)

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Christian Education

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**  
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Prelude

Introit: *"Ode to Joy"* - Hans Talsma

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 42:1-2

**Pastor:** As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

**People:** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 126:3

\*Opening Song: *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"* - Trinity Hymnal #1

Bible Reading: Luke 22:20-30 (p. 1637)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: *"His Mercy Is More"*

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18 (p. 1883)

Sermon: "A Gospel-Shaped Community"

\*Song of Response: #315 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* (1-3, 6)

Prayer for the Offering (Volunteers in Mercy)

Offertory: *"Father, I Adore You"* - Clara Talsma

\*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (v. 1)

**SERMON NOTES – August 25, 2024**

**O'er Troubled Sea  
Acts 27:18-28:10**

**A Gospel-Shaped Community  
James 3:13-18**

**REFORMATION MATTERS** “O Lord of the oceans, my little bark sails on a restless sea, grant that Jesus may sit at the helm and steer me safely; suffer no adverse currents to divert my heavenward course; let not my faith be wrecked amid storms and shoals; bring me to harbour with flying pennants, hull unbreached, cargo unspoiled...I venture on thee wholly, fully, my wind, sunshine, anchor, defence. The voyage is long, the waves high, the storms pitiless, but my helm is held steady, thy Word secures safe passage, thy grace wafts me onward, my haven is guaranteed.” - A prayer (“Voyage”) in *“The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions”*

**THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

September 11 6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4<sup>th</sup> grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton.  
September 25 6:00 Cadet Hot-dog and Games night at Rock River Park  
October 9 6:30 First regular Cadet meeting at Bethel CRC

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have the delight this morning of witnessing the covenant baptism of Kade Franklin Hanson, son of Ben and Macy. May the Lord add his blessing to this wonderful sacrament and this picture of the Gospel of Christ Jesus!

Next Sunday evening (9/1), we will be joining in with a combined worship service at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. The service will begin at 6:30 PM. We look forward to joining in worship with our dear brothers and sisters in Christ from the surrounding area.

**Sunday School Announcement:** Due to large class sizes and space constraints we can no longer offer Sunday School to kids younger than four. If you have a child turning 4 in 2024 they are welcome to join the preschool class. All 3 year olds are encouraged to come to Kid's Praise, the time of singing after church in the basement with Priscilla. Singing will be over at 11:05 and parents are asked to come downstairs to pick them up at that time.

Thank you for the many cards, texts, and visits to the Open House and for all the good wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. God is good! Adrian Kuipers

There will be a short update given by The Building Addition Finance Committee immediately following the benediction this morning.

Building addition update: Total gifts received YTD for 2024 is: \$68,270.00, leaving the building addition with a balance of \$181,730.00 left to pay off. The committee has a new member, Judy Zwart-VanEssen, who has replaced Larry Punt. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Judy or Jon Schmidt. A reminder to please use the blue envelopes for your donation to ensure it gets into the Building Addition Fund, rather than the building fund. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

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!

### 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

SWCH Circle #2 will once again be hosting the annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 am - 10:00 am on September 2 in the SWC high school cafeteria. Pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee will be available. Free will donation for SWC gratefully accepted.

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 at 7:00pm at the Elementary Campus.** 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!

The 7th Annual SWC Tractor Ride is just around the corner. The route begins at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Park on the north of the lot. Rolls and coffee will be available beginning at 8 am. Be ready to ride at 9:30. With questions or to register, call Kendra Kuipers at 507.227.0488

### COMMUNITY & MISC

**Grief Share at ATLAS** The journey of grief is different for each individual, but there are useful insights to help & encourage you! ATLAS for Life in Pipestone (101 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE) is holding a Grief Share Support Group starting on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, for 13 weeks. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m., followed by a video & discussion. Evenings should conclude by 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the group at any time during the 13-week time frame. A monetary donation to help cover some of the costs is appreciated but not necessary to attend. Call (507) 562-5777 with questions or to sign up!

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).

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 25:

Nursery: AM – AnnMarie B, 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

### NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 1:

Nursery: AM – Lori VE, Mara M, Shannon N, Clara T, Jayden B  
PM- Combined at Bethel

Valet: Jonathan S

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

Sound: AM – Jesse VH

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: NO LESSON

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

Keyboard: Karrie J

## 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