

The Lord's Day – September 1, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude - *"You Are My All in All"* - *"Only a Holy God"* - *"To Worship You"*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Congregation: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

*Opening Songs of Adoration - *"Ancient of Days"*
"There is a Redeemer"

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #557 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* (v. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: Acts 28:11-31 (p. 1743)

Sermon: *"Finishing the Race"*

*Song of Response: #508 *"Jesus, with Your Church Abide"* (v. 1-3, 5)

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

*Benediction

*Closing Song: *"To Worship You"*

*Postlude: *"Grace Flows Down"*

Next Sunday's Offering: Bill & Aletha Green-CLIR Ministries

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Combined Service at Bethel CRC

SERMON NOTES – September 1, 2024

**Finishing the Race
Acts 28: 11-31**

REFORMATION MATTERS "If we were aware of none of our own faults, that would not justify us. For the one who judges us is the Lord who is greater than our hearts and knows all things. But within ourselves we know that we have sinned. Father, against heaven and before you we have sinned. We are not worthy to be called your children." - Prayer of Confession in Matthew Henry's "A Way to Pray"

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship
Tuesday 7:00 pm - Council, Elder and Deacon Meetings

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

September 8 – 3rd Graders receive their Bible during the church service
September 11 6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4th grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton.
September 15- Choir starts
 - Kids Praise- right after church until 11:05
 - Sunday School & Catechism begins
September 18- Bells will meet in the old council room at 7:45. New players always welcome!
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

The elders have approved the request of Justin and Daci Moss to have their family's membership transferred back to Luverne CRC. May the Lord richly bless Justin, Daci, Brooklynn, Makenna, Zachary, and Tage as they continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

We rejoice together with Ryan and Kim Veldhuizen after the healthy birth of their daughter, Raelynn Clare! May the Lord be praised for his goodness and grace to his people!

This evening, we will join together with our Christian brothers and sisters for a combined worship service at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. The service will begin at 6:30 P.M. and Pastor Bill Vis will be leading worship.

The elders would like to remind and encourage the congregation to use the wooden prayer request box in the back of our church. The requests shared will be included in the prayers of the elders and Pastor Scott. This box will be checked weekly.

There will be a Men's Society set-up meeting this morning after the church service in the council room.

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.

Church pantry shower tables are set up to receive your generous gifts for the shower on Wednesday, September 11. The shower will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will honor Zach & Jenna Prins, Ian & Morgan Vanderwal, and Clayton Huisken & Eve Dobson. We hope to see you there to shower these couples with love, encouragement, and gifts, but if you cannot attend, please feel free to bring your pantry items to the tables before the shower.

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!

Dear Friends at First CRC, Thank you for your recent gift towards our ministry of Christian education in Africa! We're grateful for your partnership as we walk alongside Christian educators across the continent. This week (Aug 26-30) Sosthene is at an ACSI roundtable in Ivory Coast where Christian educators from French speaking West Africa are gathering together to seek the Lord's leading in how the church, school, and family can join together to raise up the next generation for Christ (Ps 78:1-8). Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support!
Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, September 16, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail .com to make or to confirm an appointment. We are always looking for news donors. There is an urgent need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. is in need of blood. Anyone 16 yrs (with parents permission) or older and in good health is able to donate.

Justice For All invites you to attend the Annual Meeting on Tues, Oct 22 at 5:00PM at the Rock Valley Event Center. Along with the business meeting a delicious meal will be served. Because of the historic flood in June, JFA will not hold their fall auction so that many businesses and individuals who generally donate towards the auction can continue to get back on their feet. In place of the auction, JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry but also how through collaboration, many needs continue to be met in our local area. **Reservations for the meal** can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

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.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the **2025 Service and Learning Opportunities** and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! **Dates and places:** Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVMP Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. **Nick LeLoux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting Monday, September 16, 6:30PM at the JFA Ministry Center.** If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact **Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.** **You can also check out our website: jfa-niowa.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- 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

NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 8:

Nursery: AM – Brigitte P, Cindy S, Tanya T, Max VH, Kevin VH
PM- Katie F, Ashley Sch, Josi VH, Kaden S

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Devin S PM- Devin S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jared/Jan

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Jaycee K

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