

**The Lord's Day – September 8, 2024**

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

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-3

\*Opening Song of Adoration: #465 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 12:14-16

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Grade Students

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

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

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10 (p. 1888)

Sermon: "Our Upward Call–Worship"

\*Song of Response: *"O God, Beyond All Praising"*

Commissioning of Ministry Leaders

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Bill & Aletha Green (CLIR Ministries)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #181 *"Exalt the LORD, His Praise Proclaim"* (v. 3)

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Reframe Ministries

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**

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Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 56:3-4

**Pastor:** When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

**People:** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

\*Opening Song of Honor: *"In Christ Alone"*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 133 (p. 970)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: #263 *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-10 (p. 1884)

Sermon: "The Lord's Take on My Anger"

\*Song of Response: *"His Mercy is More"*

Prayer for the Offering (Bill & Aletha Green)

Offertory: *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"* - Ava Busker

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #630 *"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"*

**SERMON NOTES – September 8, 2024**

**Our Upward Call- Worship  
1 Peter 2:9-10**

**The Lord's Take on My Anger  
James 4:1-10**

**REFORMATION MATTERS "Question** - Since, then, we are delivered from our misery by grace alone, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we yet do good works? **Answer** - Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit after his own image, that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised by us..." - Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

**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:**

Sept. 11    6:00 Kids of Grace Kick off at Rock River Park  
                  6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4<sup>th</sup> grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton.  
Sept. 15    Choir starts  
                  Kids Praise- right after church until 11:05  
                  Sunday School & Catechism begins  
Sept. 18    6:00 Kids of Grace meeting at Runals  
                  6:30 -Youth Group Kick off  
                  7:45 pm -Bells will meet in the old council room. New players always welcome!  
Sept. 25    6:00 Cadet Hot-dog and Games night at Rock River Park  
Sept. 29    All Church Potluck  
Oct. 2       6:30 Youth Group Large group meeting- Jonah 1  
Oct. 9       6:30 First regular Cadet meeting at Bethel CRC

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lord willing, we will have the joy of witnessing the covenant baptism of Lincoln Paul Top next Sunday (9/15). Lincoln is the son of Cody and Carrie Top. We greatly look forward to this wonderful time together as a church family!

The fall meeting of Classis Minnkota will take place on Thursday, September 12 at First CRC in Prinsburg, MN. The delegates from First are Ron Nykamp, Levi Mouw, and Pastor Scott. Please keep the delegates and the work of the Lord in your prayers this week.

Catechism teachers and students, please meet in your assigned classroom following the morning service to receive your new books and instructions.

Listed below are the teachers and classrooms for each grade:

Sunday School:

Preschool(4&5 year olds): Courtney Vis basement room 4

Kindergarten: Alisha Ekkel basement room 2

First grade: Andrew Top basement room 3 (old kitchen)

Second grade: Wanda Miersma basement room 5 (old stage)

Catechism:

3rd and 4th: Grant Vis basement room 1 (old youth room)

5th and 6<sup>th</sup>: Ron Nykamp/Duane Baker NE conference room (old council room)

7th and 8<sup>th</sup>: Ryan Blom Council room

9th and 10<sup>th</sup>: Greg Talsma NE classroom (old library)

11th and 12<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Scott in his study

**Prayer Warriors:** Please find your prayer partner immediately after the morning church service and find a spot to sit in the pews for our first meeting today! Our 10 minutes together will include instructions, time to catch up, and prayer before heading to catechism to get your new books. There is a sheet in your church mailbox to help you out with conversation and prayer. Thanks!

**Women's Bible Study** – All women are invited to “Behold & Believe” as we take a closer look at what Jesus says about himself. Jesus describes himself as the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, and more. His bold “I AM” statements invite us to behold him—and then to trust him. The study will include teaching videos on 7 “I Am” statements as well as a study guide. Coffee Break will begin September 18, 2024 at First Christian Reformed Church.

The Morning Group will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room with Story Hour and nursery provided. The evening Group will meet at 6:30 in the Council Room (No Story Hour or nursery). Whether you are a Christian who needs to behold Jesus again and again or someone who is curious about Jesus and wants to explore Christianity, this study is for you!

VIM Offering: \$3,539.33

Margret Njunguna: \$4,507.99

Christian Ed Balance: \$45,897.42 (need \$17,568 every month)

General Fund Balance: \$51,730

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.

Men's Society will be using the study material “Christian Community” from InterVarsity press this year. Contact Duane Baker at 442-6821 by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend Men's Society and would like a study book.

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.

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The 7th Annual SWC Tractor Ride is just around the corner. The route begins at the American Reformed Church in Luverne on September 14. Park on the north end 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](mailto: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; JVMPerkins 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](http://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](http://midamerica.edu/cme/conference).

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- 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

### NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 15:

Nursery: AM – Alisha E, Jody S, Jana T, Nilson VH, Tyler P  
PM- Becky S, Christa B, Cami VH, Ava B

Valet: Coleton H

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

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM- Jeff S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Jonathan/Kirk

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: No lesson- Communion

Praise Team: Amber, Morgan, Jen, Brittany, Haley

Keyboard: Sarah B

## 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