

The Lord's Day – November 3, 2024

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Lee Christoffels

Prelude – *“Come, Now is the Time”* & *“All Praise to Him”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Greeting One Another

*Call to Worship: Psalm 113:4-6

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Living Hope”* & *“Savior Like a Shephard/Knowing You”*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession – Romans 3:19-20

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:21-26

God's Standard of Righteousness – The Law of God

*Song of Thanksgiving: 469 *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

Special Music: Kids Praise *“How Great Thou Art”*

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

Scripture: Romans 11:33-36

Sermon: *“LET US EXALT THE LORD TOGETHER – HE IS INCREDIBLY WISE”*

*Song of Response: *“O God Beyond All Praising”* (Trinity Psalter Hymnal 241:1-3)

Prayers of the Lord's People

Offertory: *“Behold Our God”*

Offering: Edgerton Food Shelf

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *“Speak, O Lord”* (vs 1)

Postlude: *“Speak, O Lord”* (vs 2-3)

Next Sunday's Offering: Word and Deed

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Introit: *“Here I Am to Worship”* - Carli Schaap

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 71:17-18

Pastor: Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Congregation: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, til I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

*Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

*Opening Song of Honor: #475 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Responsive Bible Reading: Psalm 32 (p. 869)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: *“In Christ Alone”*

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-18 (p. 1885)

Sermon: *“The Pursuit of Wholeness”*

*Song of Response: #262 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

Prayer for the Offering (Edgerton Food Shelf)

Offertory: *“O God Beyond All Praising”* - Lydia Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: Athanasian Creed (select portion)

Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the trinity. But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully. Now this is the true faith: That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #632 *“To God Be the Glory”*

SERMON NOTES – November 3, 2024

**“LET US EXALT THE LORD TOGETHER – HE IS
INCREDIBLY WISE”
Romans 11:33-36**

**The Pursuit of Wholeness
James 5:13-18**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Patient submission to God's will in affliction shows a great deal of wisdom and piety. The skill of a pilot is most discerned in a storm, so a Christian's grace in the storm of affliction. Submission to God's will is most requisite for us while we live in this lower region...In heaven there will be all joy, and what need of patience then? It requires no patience to wear a crown of gold; but while we live here in a valley of tears, patient submission to God's will is much needed." - Thomas Watson, in *"The Lord's Prayer"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Kids Praise until 11:05 - Sunday School & Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	7:00 pm	- Council & Consistory Meeting
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace meeting at Runals
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break in Council Room
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group
	7:45 pm	- Bells
Thur	7:00 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Nov 11	7:00 pm	- Men's Society
Nov 12	6:30 pm	- GEMS & Cadets
Nov 14	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is looking forward to a time of fellowship and encouragement with the church visitors from Classis Minnkota. The Church Order calls for each church in classis to be visited on a yearly basis (CO 42-a). This year, Rev. Greg Timmer and Eric Van Dyken, both from First CRC in Prinsburg, will join our Council meeting this Tuesday. Please keep their travel and our meeting in prayer as we seek to encourage one another in the Lord's work.

Please mark your calendars - our Congregational Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 21 at 7 PM.

It's time for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes are here and ready to be filled. As you prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Prayer Warriors: Our next prayer warrior meeting is the upcoming Sunday, November 10. If you cannot make it to the meeting please let your prayer partner know in advance and find another time to

connect.

Congregation of First CRC, the Council brings to you the slate of nominees for next year's office bearers. This year saw a higher number of individuals who removed their names from consideration. The Consistory discussed and voted on the nominees, after which the whole Council voted to approve the slate. Then letters were sent to prospective office bearers, and an additional number of men removed their names. Also, there were a number of individuals who were unavailable to serve because of other commitments or life circumstances.

The nominees for the office of Elder are Duane Baker, Dave Brons and Ross Brands.

The nominees for the office of Deacon are Derek Fey, Greg Masselink, Tadd Prins, Nate Stoel and Andrew Top.

The final step of the nominations process will conclude, as usual, with a congregational vote at the Congregational Meeting on November 21. All names which receive a simple majority will be placed in the bag for selection after the Sunday morning worship service on November 24.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Fall Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

CLUE by Sandy Rustin will be the fall play for 9th-12th graders. This is a hilarious mystery, which will be performed on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 at the Elementary School Gym at 7:00 pm. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler - Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is the comedy that leaves the audience wondering ... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

FINE ARTS NIGHT, Friday, November 8, the evening will include many different aspects of our Fine Arts program so will start a little earlier, at 6:15 pm. The night will begin with the Den Ouden writing program winners. These winners will only present and read their writings on Friday, November 8. After the readings, we will have a short intermission where you can have some dessert and wander around looking at artwork from the Art classes! After intermission, the students will present the play *Clue* by Sand Rustin again. Please join us for a night of detective work!

Join us! The SWC Donation Sale will be held on **Saturday, November 16** at the Elementary Campus. Come hungry - supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. with a menu of grilled burgers and fixings, cowboy beans, chips, and homemade bars! Freewill donation. The sale will start at 6:00 p.m. This is the one and only Donation Sale for the school year, so we thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to bless SWC Schools with your donations, along with your financial and prayerful support. The Donation Sale raises significant funds for the general operating needs of the school, and the goal set by the School Board for the 2024 Donation Sale is \$175,000. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to either school office. We look forward to early donations so we can catalog them for the Bill of Sale and online preview! Monetary donations go directly towards the

fundraising goal or are used to buy key items for the sale. Visit swcschools.org for more information and a link to view the items for sale! Be sure to join us for a fun evening in support and celebration of Christian education! If you have any questions or need more information, contact one of the schools at 507-442-4471 (High School), 507-442-6181 (Elementary) or Ashley Stoel at astoel@swcschools.org or call/text at 507-227-6446.

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

COMMUNITY & MISC

Grief visits each one of us at some time in our lives. It is less painful and easier to heal when the grief process is shared. Hospice of Murray Count will hold a bereavement group for adults at the Hospice of Murray County office in Slayton. It is for 6 sessions, on Tuesday and the fall group will begin on Tuesday, November 12th and will continue through Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, from 4:00 to 5:30pm. There is no cost for the bereavement support group as it is sponsored by Hospice of Murray County. Pre-registrations are appreciated so materials can be put together. You can pre-register by calling the Hospice office at 507-836-8114 by **Friday, November 8th**. This bereavement group is not just for those family members served by hospice, but all adults who have lost a loved one.

There will be a Fall Pro-Life Rally on Nov. 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pipestone Pizza Ranch (in the party room). Our guest speaker is Cathy Blaeser who is the co-executive director of MCCL based out of Minneapolis. She will give an update on current legislation and other issues. Anyone is welcome. Election Day is soon here! We as members of SW MN MCCL Pro-Life group, would like to inform you of some policies concerning elections this year.

1. The Minnesota legislature and Gov. Waltz enacted Pro Act (HFI). This bill created a statute that states that women have a "Fundamental Right" to abortion without any limits.....which means abortion is legal for any reason throughout the pregnancy....including any late term abortion. (Unborn children can and do feel pain).

2. If a child is born and the parents decide they want an abortion, the child can be "set aside" to die. This law was signed in the 2023 legislative session.

3. In 2022, because of a court ruling, Minnesota no longer requires that parents be notified prior to an abortion on a minor girl.

Please keep these government policies in mind as you vote this year.

Phil. 4:4- "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" The Edgerton Food Shelf is blessing 80-130 people every month on the 3rd Saturday morning at the First Reformed Church. On Saturday, November 16 and December 31, we will be giving out turkeys and hams, in addition to the canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, hamburger, cereal, milk, bread, margarine, mac & cheese, and toilet paper. If you know of anyone with a need, please contact Shar Miedema- 507-820-0225 or Brenda Kooi – 507-227-5174.

Edgebrook Care Center will be working to put together a cookbook in memory/honor of past and present residents of Edgebrook. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, they ask that you include the recipe name, the residents name of who the recipe is in honor/memory of and if you have a baking memory to go with it. You can drop the recipe off at the business office, mail it to Edgebrook Care Center, Attn: Cookbook Committee, 505 Trosky Road W, Edgerton MN 56128 or by emailing cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. Please also include if you would be interested in purchasing a cookbook as this will give them a better idea of how many to make. The deadline to have your recipe included is January 15, 2025.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-4816 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds, someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs a unit of blood. Anyone 16 years (with parental consent) or older and in good health is able to donate.

RISE Ministries invites you to RISE with Rob & Friends – a night of hope through storytelling and music. Coming to Southwest Minnesota Christian Elementary School in Edgerton, MN on Saturday, November 23. Experience this intimate evening as singer-songwriters Patrick Mayberry, Micah Tyler, and Emerson Day take the stage together and share their music, the stories behind their songs, and more. Rob Roozeboom’s message will encourage and challenge you. Please join us for this incredible event! Tickets start at \$22 for adults. Kids 10 and under are \$10. Save \$2 per ticket when you buy 4 or more! Tickets on sale at riseministries.com. Doors open 6:00 pm || Event starts at 7:00 pm

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul’s First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Tim Lovelace, a multi-talented Christian comedian, musician, songwriter, and motivational speaker will be at American Reformed Church Luverne on Sunday, October 27, 3 PM. Tim has been described as the most versatile comedian on stage today. His comedy concerts are more than just a great show. He uses humor to motivate and inspire by uniquely delivering life lessons. Freewill donation will be received.

ATLAS Christmas Rummage and Boutique – Pipestone will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the ATLAS building (101 2nd St. NE) in Pipestone (snow date of Nov. 23). Fresh caramel rolls and coffee may be purchased as you shop for Christmas décor items and the ever-favorite potted Christmas arrangements. A hot sandwich meal will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. for \$6.00 and will be a great “to-go” option. Thank you for your financial and prayer support of this annual fundraiser for ATLAS.

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; JVPPerkins 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-niowa.org.** You can also **check out our website: jfa-niowa.org**

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- OCTOBER 27:

Nursery: AM – Carmen F, Megan F, Kelsey S, Parker B, Tyler S
PM- Rosann V, Shannon N, Josi VH, Sawyer VH

Valet: Ryan V

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM- Dean E

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children’s Worship: Kelsey S & Max VH

Praise Team: Jen, Jayden, Jody, Kaitlyn, Vonda, Brooklyn

Keyboard: Karrie

NEXT WEEK- NOVEMBER 10:

Nursery: AM – Lori VE, Jan F, AnnMarie B, Ryan P, Sawyer S
PM- Mara M, Brigitte P, Carson V, Kaden S

Valet: Coleton H

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM- Ray S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children’s Worship: Kelly K & Kinley S

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

Cornerstone Prison Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHURCH INFORMATION