

**The Lord's Day – December 15, 2024**

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

Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Prelude – *“What Child Is This”, “O Little Child of Bethlehem” & “Go Tell It On The Mountain”*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Logan and Morgan Schoonhoven

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: I Timothy 3:15-16

\*The Lord's Greeting

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Hark the Herald” & “O Come All Ye Faithful”*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession – I John 1:5-6

Assurance of Pardon: I John 1:8-9

God's Standard of Righteousness – I John 3:11-18

\*Song of Thanksgiving: 346:1,4,5 *“Once in Royal David's City”*

Offering of Praise: *“O Holy Night”* – Brad Prouty

Scripture: John 18:33-38 (Text – v. 37)

Sermon: *“CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO JESUS - TRUTH”*

\*Song of Response: 337 *“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”*

Prayers of the Lord's People

Offertory: *“Sing We The Songs of Emmanuel”*

Offering: Luke Society

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *“How Great Our Joy”*

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

*There will be a separate bulletin for the evening service*

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

**SERMON NOTES – December 15, 2024**

**CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO JESUS - TRUTH**

**John 18:33-38**

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin." - Heidelberg Catechism, Answer 35

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Christmas Program Practice for 3 year olds- 8 <sup>th</sup> grade until 11:30
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Christmas Program/ Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Youth Group & Kids of Grace Christmas Party
Thurs	6:30 pm	- Friendship Christmas Caroling and Party

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Jan 5	10:45am	- Sunday School and Catechism Resumes
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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us this evening for our Christmas Program. Prelude will begin at 6:15 for those playing special numbers before the service. Students playing instruments or piano will sit in the front benches.

YPS Students- please meet in the fellowship hall after catechism THIS Sunday. We will have a brief practice for the evening candlelight service.

Practice will be Sunday December 1, 8, and 15. 3-year-olds—8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in their individual classrooms for cookies directly after AM church. NOTE: 3 year olds can meet in children's worship room for cookies after church. Once set up is finished classes will be dismissed to practice till around 11:30 in the sanctuary. 3<sup>rd</sup>-8th Bells will practice in the balcony after that till 11:50.

Volunteers willing to help set up risers after AM church for practice would be greatly appreciated.

A Night of Christmas - We invite you to enjoy an evening of beautiful Christmas music in a variety of musical acts. Enjoy both vocal numbers as well as instrumental pieces including flute, violin and piano. The program is on Thursday, December 19 at 7pm at First CRC of Edgerton.

Friendship Christmas caroling and party on Thursday @6:30pm in the Verdoes Room - Edgebrook Ass't Living.

Thanksgiving Offering Totals:

General Fund: \$7065.00

Christian Education: \$12,545.00

Radio Fund: \$350.00

Margaret Njunguna: \$1050.00

Cornerstone Prison Church: \$1000.00

Hope Haven: \$100.00

New Life Treatment Center: \$1000.00

Sos and Kara Maletoungou: \$300.00

Luke Society: \$3000.00

Mid-America Reformed Seminary: \$950.00

ATLAS: \$100.00

The Alpha Center: \$500

Ryan Blom Medical Account: \$1000.00

Word and Deed: \$1000.00

Edgerton Food Shelf: \$300.00

Global Missions: \$4969.00

2014 Building Addition Fund: \$28,833.00

Total: \$64,062.00

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Circle #5 will be having a Burger Feed on December 19 from 5:00-7:30. The boys basketball team will be playing HBC at home, so come on out and enjoy a burger before the game, all while supporting SWC. A burger meal will include a burger and all the fixings, chips, homemade bar and a drink for \$8.

SWC K-8 Christmas Concert on Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm at SWC Elementary Gym. The SWC Elementary and Junior High students invite you to a night of Christmas joy! The evening will include a variety of lively and elegant musical selections all focused on our Lord and Savior born to us in a manger. A few of these selections are: What Child is This, Go Tell It On the Mountain, In The Bleak Midwinter, and Carol of the Bells. We look forward to an evening spent sharing our student's God-given gifts!

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**

Edgerton Food Shelf Angel Tree: We invite you to participate in our 3rd Annual Angel Tree/Gift Drive at First Reformed Church. The tree, located in the entryway, is decorated with ornaments, each representing a gift request or need. Simply take an ornament, purchase the item listed, and place the unwrapped gift in the tote beside the tree. We will be collecting items from Nov. 25 - Dec. 18. By doing

so, you'll help us bring a little extra holiday cheer to local Food Shelf members in need. Let's make this season brighter together!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at the First Reformed Church. On Saturday 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**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-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).** You can also check out our **website: [jfa-niowa.org](http://jfa-niowa.org)**

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- DECEMBER 15:

**Nursery: AM** – Nicole V, Kelsey S, Kaitlyn S, Levi VH, Isaac S

**Valet:** Mark S

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

**Sound:** AM – Ray S PM- Jesse VH

**Video:** Nilson VH

**Projection:** Orey/Jody

**Medical Assistant:** Nick S

**Children's Worship:** Carmen F & Jaycee K

**Praise Team:** Mark, Greg, Kirk, Kurt, Brad, Seth

**Keyboard:** Sarah & Brittany

### NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 22:

**Nursery: AM** – Carmen F, Lois S, Becky S, Isabel M, Brooklyn T

**PM-** Vonda T, Rebecca V, Tyler P, Josimar VH

**Valet:** Jonathan S

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

**Sound:** AM – Dean E PM- Dean E

**Video:** Kevin VH

**Projection:** Jon/Jared

**Medical Assistant:** Kim V

**Children's Worship:** Kelsey S & Raelyn S.

## MISSIONARIES

**Margaret Njuguna**

En-Gedi Children's Home,  
Kenya

**Sos and Kara Maletougou**

Christian Reformed World Missions  
West Africa

**Rev. William & Aletha Green**

Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed  
Churches, Costa Rica

**A&K L.**

Global Serve International  
South East Asia

## CHURCH INFORMATION