

The Lord's Day – January 19, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:4

*Opening Song of Adoration: #244 *"God Himself Is With Us"*

Standard of Righteousness: James 3:2

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"In Christ Alone"*

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

Musical Offering: *"Then Sings My Soul"* - First CRC Choir

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 2:1-3:5 (p. 1464)

Sermon: *"The Shelter You Desperately Need"*

*Song of Response: *"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"*

Preparatory Reading for the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Bill and Aletha Green (CLIR Ministries)

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #146 *"Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!"* (v. 4)

Next Sunday's Offering:

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Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* - Caleb Top

"Abide With Me" - Abigail Top

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 71:3

Pastor: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go.

Congregation: Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

*Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

*Opening Song of Honor: *"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #469 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Musical Offering: *"Gather at the River"* – One Accord

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13 (p. 1839)

Sermon: *"Non-Robotic Christianity"*

*Song of Response: #315 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* (v. 1, 3, 4, 6)

Musical Offering: *"A Departing Blessing"* - One Accord

Prayer for the Offering (Bill and Aletha Green)

Offertory: Jayden Brands

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

SERMON NOTES – JANUARY 19, 2025

**“The Shelter You Desperately Need”
Zephaniah 2:1-3-5**

**“Non-Robotic Christianity”
1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Those whom God afflicts with suffering which they themselves have not sought and chosen should entrust their souls to Him. They do well, continue in good works, do not withdraw because of the suffering, and entrust themselves to their Creator, who is faithful. This is a great comfort for us. God created your soul without any trouble and assistance on your part. He did so before you came into being. Accordingly, He is surely able to preserve it." - Martin Luther, in *"Day by Day: 365 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

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| Today | 9:30 am | - Morning Worship |
| | 10:45am | - Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism |
| | 11:00 am | - Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Worship |
| Tue | 7:00 pm | - Council meeting |
| Wed | 9:30 am | - Coffee Break and Story Hour |
| | 6:00 pm | - Kids of Grace at Runals |
| | 6:30 pm | - Evening Coffee Break |
| | 6:30 pm | - GEMS and Cadets |
| | 7:45 pm | - Bells |
| Thurs | 9:30 am | - Christian Fellowship |

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Jan 26 6:30 pm - Cadet Sunday, Evening Service at Bethel CRC

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The musical group *One Accord* from Southwest will be singing as part of our evening worship service tonight. May the Name of the Lord be praised through songs of joy!

Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a congregation next Sunday morning, January 26. Please spend time this coming week reflecting on Christ and his finished work on our behalf on the cross and in his resurrection.

There will be a combined evening worship service next Sunday, January 26 at Bethel CRC in Edgerton. Worship will begin at 6:30 P.M. and the Cadets will take part in this service.

The Elders want to remind the congregation that the doors are automatically locked from 9:40-10:30 AM and 6:40-7:30 PM on Sunday except for the door on the southeast side of the sanctuary. Please communicate this to all members of your family should someone find themselves on the other side of a locked door during a worship service. If you want to have an entry card made or be assigned a code combination for accessing the building when the doors are locked during the week, please talk to Ron Nykamp.

In search of: Nursery Volunteers! If you are willing to help out (male or female, young or old) in the nursery, please let me know. With several new/expectant mothers, we are running a little short on

help. Also, if you are an expectant mother, could you please leave me a note in my mailbox with your due date so that I know when to take you off the schedule and when you can return to volunteering. Thanks! -Kim

If you need to make any changes to your church directory information or update your photo, please contact Kirk Van Hulzen.

If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in our church, please talk to Pastor Scott. There will be a class beginning in the first couple months of 2025 for those who are interested.

Dear Friends and Partners at First CRC, Thank you for your recent contribution and ongoing support of our Christian education ministry in Africa! Your partnership enables us to serve Christian teachers and schools as they work to raise up godly citizens of heaven and earth. Earlier this month, Sosthene met with leaders from across Africa for a leadership summit focused on the theme of "Renewal and Transformation" from Romans 12:1-2. We left encouraged with a clear sense of vision and God's direction as we pursue strategic goals towards training teachers for transformation.

Thank you for your partnership,
Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCSS Soup Supper. The Luverne Christian School Society will be hosting the annual Soup & Pie Supper from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 29th at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Come on out and enjoy a delicious meal of homemade soups, rolls, BBQ's pies and desserts. The cost is a free will donation.

Circle #14 will be having a Walking Taco/ Hot ham and cheese/ and Nacho meal the afternoon of January 25 when the SWC boys' basketball team plays RTR. C game starts at 12:00, B team at 1:00 and A team at 2:30. Come watch a good game of basketball and a good meal too! Serving time starts at 11:30 and will serve until gone.

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

Would you like to brighten the day of a resident at Edgebrook for Valentines? For \$5 each, you can give a carnation to a resident. You can choose from Red to show your Love, Yellow for Friendship and Pink for Appreciation. If you have any questions, please call 507-442-7121. You must RSVP by January 24, 2025. Payment can be dropped off in the business office or sent by Venmo to @Edgebrook-gssway

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 27 from 12:30 to 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 to make or confirm an

appointment. There is a constant need for blood. We would like to encourage our young adults to come and donate a unit of blood for someone/somewhere. Anyone 16 yrs (with parents consent) and older and in good health is eligible to donate.

Wednesday, January 22- "March for Life" at MN State Capitol. We often ask "What can we do besides pray for our state and our country"? Here is an opportunity for you to join others and show your support for LIFE! Join others and go along to our State Capitol on Wednesday, January 22. A comfortable Motorcoach will be departing at 6:45 am from Pipestone CRC and departing Woodstock Community Church at 7:05 am. Cost is \$55. Please take a sack lunch for noon and we will stop for a hot meal on the way home. Be back around 7 pm! Call 507-227-0905 asap, or email to roxiestours@gmail.com to reserve your spot. We are only at the capitol for a little over an hour. You are able to go inside the rotunda, march a little while in front of the capitol and then MCCL has a time of remembrance for the 12,000 aborted last year in MN/ prayer/ message. Motorcoach is parked nearby if you need to warm up or sit. If you can't go, would you join the 1000's that will gather at our capitol that day in prayer on this day of remembrance?

RESGEN Men's Summit 2025 is a half-day conference that equips and encourages men, ages 17 and up, to grow and fulfill their purpose as leaders, husbands, fathers, and Christ-followers. The theme for this year's event is 'Being a Man who is All HEART' and features five dynamic speakers including resources. Bethel CRC in Edgerton is simulcasting the Summit which runs from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 1. Cost to attend the simulcast is \$25 per person which includes morning snacks and a light lunch. To register, please look for the QR code on the information table in the back of church.

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.

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**

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- JANUARY 19:

Nursery: AM – Katie F, Phil F, Dana H, Parker B, Zack B

PM- Thea N, Becky S, Blaire T, Tabitha S

Valet: Dan H

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

Sound: AM – Corey S PM- Corey S

Video: Nilson VH

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Mara M & Jorja H

NEXT WEEK- JANUARY 26:

Nursery: AM – Mara B, Jorja H, Kinley S, Jaycee K, Raelyn S

PM- Combined at Bethel

Valet: Duane V

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

Sound: AM – Dean

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: NO LESSON- COMMUNION

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

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CHURCH INFORMATION