

The Lord's Day – February 9, 2025

Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 42:8

*Opening Songs of Adoration - #239 *"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"* & *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Standard of Righteousness: Luke 10:25-28

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"* - Trinity Hymnal #518

Musical Offering: *"The Goodness of God"* - First CRC Choir

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

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14 (p. 1645)

Sermon: "Seeing the Glory of Jesus"

*Song of Response: #473 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Margaret Njuguna, En-Gedi Children's Home

Missions Moment - Royal Family KIDS Camp Video

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #560 *"Like a River Glorious"* (v. 2)

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day – February 9, 2025

Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Introit: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" – Carli Schaap

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 121:1-2

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 46:4-5, 10-11

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 598 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Reading: Canons II "Christ's Death and Human Redemption" Art. 8-9 (p.934)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 497 "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

Scripture: Ezekiel 18

Sermon: EATING SOUR GRAPES

*Song of Response: 223 "For the Glories of God's Grace"

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Margaret Njuguna – En Gedi Children's Home

Offertory: "Amazing Grace" – Lydia Talsma

*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (p. 813)

*Benediction

*Doxology: 169 "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

SERMON NOTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

**“Seeing the Glory of Jesus”
John 1:1-14**

**“Eating Sour Grapes”
Ezekiel 18**

REFORMATION MATTERS: Reformation Matters: "As the Lord makes use of all the seasons of the year, frost and heat, to produce the harvest, so all prosperous and adverse providences are for the promoting of the work of holiness in the soul. What is the object of the mission of the Spirit, but to make the heart holy? When the air is unwholesome by reason of fog and mist, the wind is a fan to winnow and purify the air. So the blowing of God's Spirit upon the heart is to purify it, and make it holy." - Thomas Watson, in *"The Godly Man's Picture"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45am	- Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism
	11:00 am	- Choir
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	7:00 pm	- Men's Society- Lesson 7
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
		- Cadet Pinewood Derby at SWC Elementary
	7:45 pm	- Bells
Thurs	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
	6:30 pm	- Friendship

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Feb 18	7:00 pm	- Council Meeting
Feb 19	6:30 pm	- Youth Group

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner immediately after the morning service today to reconnect and share prayer time together before catechism.

Everyone is invited to the Edgerton Cadet Pinewood Derby Wednesday evening, February 12, at the SWC School Elementary gym. Weigh-in begins at 6:30, racing will start around 7. It will be livestreamed on Christensen Broadcasting.

Classis Minnkota will gather for their spring meeting on Thursday, March 6 at Worthington CRC. Delegates from here at First are Pastor Scott, elder Randy Pater, and deacon Corey Vis. The elder alternate is Mark Sorenson and the deacon alternate is C.J. Veldhuizen.

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

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here

in our community for kids in the SW MN foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp week where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes that will give information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 2-5, 2025. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area!

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC will be having a Benefit Supper on February 11 for Jim and Lissa Ver Hey (SWC high schools head cook) to help offset some of the costs from their recent house fire. Serving will start at 5:00pm and will serve till the food is gone. We will be serving Hamburger/Hotdogs with the fixings, chips, bars, and a drink for \$10. Come help us support this SWC family! You can also enjoy a game of basketball that evening as our boys will be playing HBC.

Parents of prospective Kindergarteners and their child are invited to Southwest MN Christian School's Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 10, at 6:30pm for an evening of exploration into all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Sibling care will be made available upon request - please contact the school. A scavenger hunt will take place along with an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten room. An informational meeting will also be held for the parents, led by Mr. Top, Principal. Your prospective Kindergartener needs to be 5 years old by September 1, 2025, to attend Kindergarten. Join us for an opportunity to learn what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! Please call the SWC elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email the office at elementary@swcschools.org for more information!

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: The Edgerton Food Shelf is in urgent need of donations to help support individuals and families in our community. We are accepting non-perishable food and personal care items. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated, allowing us to purchase fresh food and other necessities. Donations can be dropped off at First Reformed Church. Items they are always in need of: peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, Mac n cheese, cereal, spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, cans of vegetables or fruit, body wash, toilet paper, or detergent. Checks can be made out to: Edgerton Food Shelf. The food shelf meets on the third Saturday of each month to distribute items to those in need. Last month, we fed 185 people. Every donation, big or small, makes a meaningful impact in the fight against hunger. Thank you for your generosity and support! For more information, please contact Art & Sandy Menning, Char Miedema, Brenda Kooi or Mary Kreun.

Edgebrook will be putting together a cookbook with recipes from past and present residents. If a family member or friend would like to submit a recipe, they can do so by bringing it to the business office, mailing it or emailing it to Cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. We are extending our deadline to submit recipes until February 28, 2025.

Avera@Home Pipestone will be having a benefit with auction at the Pipestone Country Club on March 29, 2025. Dinner will be prepared by the Pork Producers, Staci's Bar and Grill, Goodies 4 U, and Lingen Dairy. Social hour to begin at 5:00 with Dinner starting at 6:00 pm. See the flyer on the information table in the back of church for contact and ticket information.

ATLAS for Life will be conducting a mentoring workshop on Thursday, February 13 at the ATLAS Community Room (101 2nd St. NE – Pipestone) from 1:15-4:30pm. This workshop helps equip you to assist a friend or family member who is dealing with hard choices or circumstances. Attendees will learn how to encourage, pray with, and bolster those we seek to help. To sign up for the workshop or for more information, call ATLAS for Life at 562-5777.

OUR CHILDREN: THE PREY OF THE PORNOGRAPHY INDUSTRY Join us as international speaker, columnist and activist Jonathon Van Maren addresses this difficult but important topic. The presentation will be hosted by Hills United Reformed Church on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in our church building at 410 S. Central Ave., Hills, Minnesota. PLEASE NOTE: This presentation on an ugly subject will contain mature content. It is not recommended for children under 13 years. FYI, Jonathon will be giving a different presentation on Tuesday morning, March 11 at SWC high school for the students there.

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- FEBRUARY 9:

Nursery: AM – Lori S, Jackie W, Lori VE, Sawyer VH, Kevin VH

PM- Ashley S, Cindy S, Hartley B, Kaitlyn S

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Logan B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children's Worship: Melissa M & Isaac S

NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 16:

Nursery: AM – Kim VH, Jody S, Lily M, Jessica S

PM- Jana T, Rebecca V, Judd P, Ryan P

Valet: Jonathan S

Ushers: Rod C, Steve E, Tyson B, Bob S

Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S

Video: Kade F

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children's Worship: Kelly K & Lilyana M

Praise Team: Kurt, Vonda, Mark, Lori, Tadd, Erica, Seth, Brittany

Keyboard: Sara

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

A&K L.

Global Serve International
South East Asia

CHURCH INFORMATION