

The Lord’s Day – August 3, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *“Hallelujah for the Cross” – “Jesus Loves Me”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 86:11-12

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Standing on the Promises”*
“Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word”

Standard of Righteousness: Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptisms of Maverick Klumper, Colter Mouw, & McKinley Veldhuizen

*Song of Gratitude: *“There is One Gospel”*

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

Scripture Reading: John 5:16-30 (p. 1654)

Sermon: *“That All May Honor the Son”*

*Song of Response: #253 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People (Offering - Word and Deed)

Offertory Song: #588 *“Tell Your Children”*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *“Worthy is the Lamb”*

Next Sunday's Offering: Margaret Njuguna

The Lord’s Day – August 3, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: *“He Leadeth Me”* – JD Vis

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

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

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:25-26

*Opening Song of Honor: *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”* – Trinity Hymnal #1

Bible Reading: Selected Proverbs

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Thanksgiving: #543 *“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 (p. 1844)

Sermon: *“Pulling in the Same Direction”*

*Song of Response: #288 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* (v. 1-2, 5-6)

Prayer for the Offering

Offering: Word and Deed Ministries

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #638 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

SERMON NOTES – August 3, 2025

**“That All May Honor the Son”
John 5:16-30**

**“Pulling in the Same Direction”
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Covenant theology, quite simply, concerns our relationship with God, making it about our understanding of ultimate matters. Among the creatures who inhabit the physical realm, we humans alone have walked with the Lord, had opportunity to pray to him, and enjoy his intimate fellowship...We are the creatures made for communion with God, and covenants are the way that God facilitates that communion with us." - Harrison Perkins, in *"Reformed Covenant Theology"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon	6:00 pm	- Church picnic and Youth Group/Council Baseball Game
Tue	7:00 pm	- Council/Consistory Meeting

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

August 13	6:30 pm	- GEMS Registration night at Rock River Park
August 31	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck
September 13	9:30 am	- 8 th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride from Southwest Christian High School

SWC CALENDAR NEWS:

Monday, August 11: High School Fall Athletic Practices begin
Saturday, August 16: Alumni Soccer Scrimmage and 4th-6th grade soccer camp
Monday, August 18: Junior High Fall Athletic Practices begin
Monday, August 18: Freshmen Orientation (freshman at 5:30 with parents joining at 6:15)
Tuesday, August 19: Elementary Open House (5:45-7:45pm)
Thursday, August 21: First Day of School (Elementary and High School) and Opening Chapel @ 8:30am.
Wednesday, October 1: K-12 Grandparents Day; 12:00 Dismissal
Friday, October 10: HS Fall Concert
Saturday, November 15: Donation Sale
Monday, December 8: 9-12 Christmas Concert
Monday, December 15: K-8 Christmas Concert

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we have the joy and privilege of taking part in the covenant baptisms of Maverick Klumper (son of Josh and Shelise), Colter Mouw (son of Levi and Mara), and McKinley Veldhuizen (daughter of CJ and Shawnie). For his wonderful gift of new life, may the Lord's name and word be exalted above all things (Ps 138:2).

Prayer Warriors Needed: We would love your help praying for the upcoming 7th grade class this school year to help pass on the faith! Please reach out to Nicole Vis (712-470-4907) if you’d be willing to serve in this simple way in our church by praying for an individual student. Thank you!

GEMS is looking for several more leaders for the upcoming season in September. Come be part of a fun

and joyful mission! You are with another leader so you will always have a partner in your small group and if crafts aren't your thing, no worries! We have everything organized and planned ahead of time so you just show up and be present for these girls! This is a great ministry and we need you. We need to have our team completed very soon so don't delay! Please talk to or call Jen Brands at 507-227-5880 with any questions or if you are willing to serve!

It's that time of year again! The church picnic is set for Monday, August 4th at 6pm. We will have a meal together at church followed by the Young People's Society pie auction and the youth vs. council baseball game. Come and enjoy fellowship, food and fun! YPS students- please bring one pie per family to sell at the church pie auction.

GEMS Registration - Wednesday, August 13th 6:30pm-8:30pm at Rock River Park
Girls everywhere are battling the storms of life and are tossed and turned by waves of fear and doubt. But what if girls really trusted the One more powerful than the wind and the waves and lived anchored to the unchanging Truth of Scripture? Join us this year as we "Walk On Water" and step out to trust our faithful God! GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others - girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith! Join area girls for a great night of games, snacks, and fellowship! We will get everyone introduced to GEMS Girls Club and registered for the upcoming year. Parents can come with their girls to the shelter house. You can look at this year's curriculum and fill out registration papers. The girls will stay there for activities and you are free to leave and return by 8:30pm to pick them back up. Please call Jen Brands with any questions at 507-227-5880 or email at jen.brands623@gmail.com

Plans are forming for the next Church Pantry Shower. We do not want to miss any brides/grooms, so if you have a son or daughter getting married this year, or who was married this past year and was not included in the last Pantry Shower, please contact Dana Huisken.

Looking for a faithful way to serve our church? Our dedicated work group coordinators, Karen Fey and Gloria Roemeling, are stepping back from their roles and would love the opportunity to train the next coordinators. We deeply thank them for their commitment and contributions. We are now looking for new coordinators to step into these roles. If interested, please contact Karen or Gloria for more information.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools will begin the 2025–2026 school year on **Thursday, August 21**, with the first day of classes for both the high school and elementary campuses. We will begin the day together with chapel at **8:30 a.m. in the elementary gym**, and **everyone is warmly invited to attend!** Preschool 3's begin on **Tuesday, September 2**, and Preschool 4's on **Wednesday, September 3**. Below are a few key dates to note. For more details and updates, visit the Calendar and News & Announcements at www.swcschools.org. This year's theme is **"Abide in the Vine"** from **John 15:4–5**. SWC is both grateful and excited for the opportunity to walk alongside PK–12 students as they fix their eyes on Jesus and are guided by His Word! Thank you for your prayerful support as we encourage students to be **rooted in Christ, grow in wisdom, and bear fruit for God's glory**.

We want to say a sincere "Thank you!" to you for helping make the SWC Dutch Festival Food Stand a success! Whether you gave financially, donated goods, volunteered in the stand, or visited our stand during the Dutch Festival, your support is so appreciated!

Come support LCSS and enjoy a delicious meal of smoked pork loin, baked beans, chips, potato salad, cucumber salad and ice cream on Wednesday, September 3. Serving from 5:30-7:30 at Luverne CRC, freewill donation.

Saturday, Sept 13 will be the 8th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride, taking off at 9:30 from SWC High School. The noon meal will also be served at SWC cafeteria. There will be tours offered at Spronk Seed and Diamond H Acres beginning around 1. For more information or to register, contact Kendra Kuipers at 507.227.0488

COMMUNITY & MISC

On Friday evening August 15 @ 7 pm, Growing Hope Globally invites you to come to Bethel to meet Georgine Biwaga Nyingambe. She will be here sharing her story about Agricultural development in Burkina Faso, a west African country located between the Sahara Desert and coastal rain forest.

The Edgebrook Cookbook is NOW AVAILABLE! To pick up your copy, please stop in the business office, Monday- Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

Edgebrook is looking for Country Store donations for the residents. The Country Store is used as an alternative for bingo candy. Listed are some ideas as to what can be donated: Lip balm, hand lotion (scented or unscented), slippers, non-skid socks, puzzle books (word search, crossword, Sudoku, large print), adult coloring books/colored pencils, playing cards/card games, calendars, notepads/pens and pretty Kleenex boxes.

Men and Women, join us for the Bible League Dinner and Conference on September 8 and 9. Be inspired by keynote speaker Jason VanRuler—renowned therapist and bestselling author—as he explores our theme: Beyond Yesterday: Embrace the Now, Influence Tomorrow. Woship will be led by Jennifer Frens, and you'll hear impactful ministry updates from Bible League leaders. Don't miss this opportunity for encouragement, connection and purpose. Register now at bibleleague.org/tickets

What if your next bike ride could help fight global hunger? That's the idea behind Ride to Renew (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>), a new cycling event from World Renew, the CRCNA's agency for sustainable community development and disaster response. From Nov. 1–9, 2025, 100 riders will bike across Florida—from Clearwater on the Gulf Coast to Canaveral National Seashore on the Atlantic Coast. It's a nine-day ride, nearly 300 miles long. And it's all for a cause that reaches far beyond the trail. Our goal is to support 1,500 farmers worldwide to help improve the lives of as many as 9,000 people through food security, resilience, and hope. Learn (<https://worldrenew.ca/food-security>) more about World Renew's holistic approach to food security. Visit Ride to Renew's homepage (<https://worldrenew.ca/ride-to-renew>) to get started.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- AUGUST 3:

Nursery: **AM** – Ben & Macy H, Alisha E, Kevin VH, Tate H

PM- Erin VH, Rosann V, Raelyn S, Jessica S

Valet: Ryan V

Ushers: Lester S, Judd V, Steve E, Rod C

Sound: AM – Devin S PM – Devin S

Video: Kaden S

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Brenda K

Children’s Worship: Macy H & Isaac S

Praise Team: Kirk VH, Brad P, Mark B, Kurt T, Seth F

Keyboard: Kaitlyn S

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 10:

Nursery: **AM** – Jon & Kelsey S, Kim VH, Tabitha S, Shelbi K

PM- Tanya T, Nicole V, Judd P, Luke B

Valet: Dale M

Ushers: Lester S, Judd V, Steve E, Rod C

Sound: AM – Jeff S PM – Jeff S

Video: Jacob M

Projection: Jan/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Kim V

Children’s Worship: Andrea L & Lily M

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