

The Lord’s Day – July 20, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 119:89-90

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #111:1-3 “O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise” &
#253 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Law of God – Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 102:1-2, 13-17

*Song of Thanksgiving: #182 “Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He”

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: “THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS”

Hymn of Response: 534 “Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory: “*My Jesus I Love Thee*” – Brad Prouty

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #637 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Next Sunday's Offering: Sos & Kara Maletoungou

The Lord’s Day – July 20, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Responsive Declaration 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: Psalm 99:1-5

*The Lord’s Greeting

*Opening Song of Adoration: 146 “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

Confessional Reading: Canons III-IV: Articles 1-3 “Human Corruption,
Conversion to God and the Way It Occurs”

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 23 “The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life”

Scripture: Ezekiel 38:1-13, 17-18, 22-23; 39:7-8, 17-21, 25-29 (v. 25)

Sermon: EZEKIEL’S PROPHECY AGAINST GOG

*Song of Response: 404 “Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: 145:1,4 “I Will Exalt My God and King”

SERMON NOTES – July 20, 2025

**“The Rich Man and Lazarus”
Luke 16:19-31**

**“Ezekiel’s Prophecy Against GOG”
Ezekiel 38:1-13, 17-18, 22-23; 39:7-8, 17-21,
25-29**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "After God had made everything else, he created mankind. He made them male and female, with rational and immortal souls, endowed with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after his own image. They had the law of God written in their hearts and had power to fulfill it. They were, however, under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject to change. In addition to this law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As long as they obeyed this command, they were happy in their communion with God and had dominion over the creatures."
- Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 4.2

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory

SWC CALENDAR NEWS:

Aug 21: First Day of School for the 2025-2026 school year

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Sas was dismissed from the burn unit in Saint Paul on Tuesday and is recovering at home. He has lots of healing to do yet, but is doing as well as can be expected.

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!

The Council is pleased to announce that Clayton Blankers has accepted the position of Church Janitor. Clayton will begin working alongside Rod from mid-August until Rod’s retirement to learn the various tasks involved in this role. We extend our gratitude to Rod for his dedication to our church over the years and his willingness to assist Clayton during the transition period.

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.

COMMUNITY & MISC

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.

We'd like to invite you to consider joining us for a seminar on the philosophy of Christian education and practices in an African context led by Dr. Sosthene Maletougou presenting from Dordt University's campus on Monday, July 14 and Tuesday, July 15 from 8-11:30am. It will be a hybrid format in which Sosthene will be speaking jointly to a group of French-speaking, mission-minded students with the University of the Nations/YWAM in Cameroon via video call while also interacting with a live audience of participants here in NW Iowa. There will be live translations between French and English for the presentation and interactions. By joining, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about the challenges and opportunities of Christian education in Africa, while also contributing through small group discussions and feedback. It will be held in room 1603 SB at Dordt. Below is a link to a map of Dordt's campus. You may want to park in either parking lot 8 or 21. Use the south entrance between the "Computer Services" and "Science & Technology Center" on the map. Take a slight right after you enter and the room is the first room on your left.
<https://www.dordt.edu/general-uploads/Maps/parking-map.pdf>. If you need help finding it, feel free to reach out to us at 406-898-7608.

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.

World Renew Service Groups Now Open: The following sites are ready to accept teams, with housing in place (varied costs depending on location), with volunteer coordination and local assistance available. Contact Chris at cgibson@worldrenew.net with questions or to sign up!
Western North Carolina (Hurricane Helene reconstruction); Sioux/Lyon Counties, Iowa (flood reconstruction); Spencer, Iowa (flood reconstruction); San Diego, California (flood reconstruction); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Hurricane Ida reconstruction); Vermont (flood reconstruction); New Bern, North Carolina (Hurricane Florence reconstruction)

You're invited to **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's annual Center for Missions and Evangelism**

Conference on October 3-4, 2025! This year's theme is *Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism*, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- July 20:

Nursery: **AM** – Jackie W, Cindy S, Jody S, Victoria P, Jaycee K
PM- Kala T, Sally B, Hannah M, Cora B

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Corey S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children’s Worship: Kelly K & Jorja H

NEXT WEEK- JULY 27:

Nursery: **AM** – John & Jana T, Rebecca V, Kinley S, Ruby M.
PM- Karen F, Lois S, Lydia T, Lily M

Valet:

Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Nick S

Children’s Worship: Shannon N. & Shelbi K.

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