

The Lord's Day – August 10, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – “The Heavens Are Telling”*

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.

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Jeremiah 9:23-24

*Opening Songs of Honor: #244 *“God Himself Is With Us”* (v. 1, 3) & *“O God, Beyond All Praising”*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 13:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: #618 *“Jerusalem the Golden”*

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—Part Two”*

*Song of Response: #489 *“When Peace Like a River”*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Margaret Njuguna (En-Gedi Children's Home)

Offertory: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #620 *“By the Sea of Crystal”* (v. 3)

*Postlude: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day – August 10, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

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 – from Ezekiel 43:1-5

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 188 *“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”*

Reading: Canons III-IV *“Human Corruption, Conversion to God, and the Way It Occurs”* Articles 4-6

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 479 *“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”*

Scripture: Ezekiel 44:1-4, 15-31 (Text v. 23)

Sermon: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOLY AND THE COMMON

*Song of Response: 547 *“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Margaret Njuguna (En-Gedi Children's Home)

Blaire Talsma

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

*Benediction

*Doxology: 483:4 *“How Great Thou Art”*

SERMON NOTES – August 10, 2025

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

“The Difference Between the Holy and the
Common”
Ezekiel 44:1-4, 15-31

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Prayer functions as a safety valve without which informed Christians would constantly be anxious, aware as they are of the spiritual warfare surrounding them. And since faith is the essential grace expressed by and strengthened through prayer, we might say that we have interceded enough when we have held before God the major responsibilities which confront us and any wider burdens which the Holy Spirit may suggest from day to day, and have exercised faith that he is at work in these." - Richard Lovelace, in *"Dynamics of Spiritual Life"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Wed	6:30 pm	- GEMS Registration night at Rock River Park

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Aug 22	10 pm	- YPS to Thunder Road
Sept 10	6:30 pm	- Orientation meeting for new 4 th grade cadets + 1 parent at Bethel
	7:30 pm	- Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel
Sept 13	9:30 am	- 8 th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride from Southwest Christian High School
Sept 24	6:00 pm	- Cadet Hotdog and Games night at Rock River Park
Sept 28	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck (Postponed from August 31)
Oct 8	6:30 pm	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel

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

Classis Minnkota will hold their Fall meeting at Chandler CRC on Thursday, September 18. Delegates from here at First will be Pastor Scott, Mark Sorenson (elder), and Brett Kroeze (deacon). Alternates will be Kirk Van Hulzen (elder) and CJ Veldhuizen (deacon).

In your mailboxes this morning you'll find a copy of an article written by Pastor Josh Christoffels, son of Pastor Lee. It does a really fine job summarizing the decisions and direction of Synod 2025 of the CRCNA. The Council would like to commend it to you for your reading. If you have any questions, please

feel free to speak to your Care Group elder or deacon.

Thank you church family for your generous gifts and support of our youth! We raised a total of \$4700 for YPS at the pie auction. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support of our youth!

"Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom..." Acts 6:3

The nomination's season is upon us again. The Council is asking for the Congregation to prayerfully submit their nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon. We will need to select 4 Elders and 2 Deacons. Nominations should be written down and turned in with your signature. Please give your nominations to an Elder no later than Sunday, August 24. A sheet has been placed in your mailboxes with further information and a list of qualifications for Elder and Deacon.

The Council has decided to move the upcoming all church potluck from August 31 to September 28. Please take notice of this change and mark it down on your calendar as we look forward to delicious food and great fellowship.

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!

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.

RFK SHOE STORE! Royal Family Kids Camp sees many kids come to camp with wrecked, worn, and poorly-fitting tennis shoes. We think it would be fun for the kids to be able to try on and choose their own new shoes. We plan to set up a "RFK Shoe Store" next summer at camp, and we need your help. When purchasing back-to-school shoes on sale for your own kids, would you be willing to buy two pairs and donate one for the RFK kids? Campers are ages 6-12, so likely shoe sizes would be kid size 1 up to adult size 9. New pairs of good tennis shoes are accepted anytime and can be dropped off at Insurance Services in Edgerton or text 507-227-7951 to arrange a different pick up. Thank you!

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**.

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

See separate sheet for Community & Misc. Announcements in your mailbox

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- 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

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 17:

Nursery: **AM** – Carrie T, Carmen F, Ruth C, Tyler P, Tyce H
PM- Lori S, Jen B, Clara T, Hartley B
Valet: Dan H
Ushers: Lester S, Judd V, Steve E, Rod C
Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Ray S
Video: Kade F
Projection: Kirk/Justin
Medical Assistant: Carmen F
Children’s Worship: Carmen F & Kinley 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