

The Lord’s Day – August 24, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – *“Shine, Jesus, Shine” – “Speak, O Lord”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 126:3

*Opening Songs of Adoration - *“By Faith” &
“You Are My All in All”*

Standard of Righteousness: Ephesians 4:1-2

Prayer of Confession

Covenant Baptisms – Jovi Fennema, Ellie Fey & Saylor Schoonhoven

*Song of Thanksgiving: #510 *“I Love Your Church, O Lord”*

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-21 (p. 1655)

Sermon: *“Jesus—Our Host and Companion”*

*Song of Response: #471 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* (v. 1-3)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Volunteers in Mercy (VIM)

Offertory Song: *“Ancient of Days”*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *“We Will Extol You”*

Next Sunday’s Offering: Bill & Aletha Green

The Lord’s Day – August 24, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

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: Romans 11:33-36

*Opening Song of Honor: #465 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

Bible Reading: Luke 4:1-13 (p. 1595)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: #500 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 11 (p. 851)

Sermon: *“On the Run”*

*Song of Response: #411 *“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”* (v. 1-4)

Prayer for the Offering (Volunteers in Mercy)

Offertory: *“In the Garden”* – Ava Busker

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #621 *“The God of Abraham Praise”* (v. 5)

SERMON NOTES – August 24, 2025

"Jesus-- Our Host and Companion"
John 6:1-21

"On The Run"
Psalm 11

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The same love of Christ that drew him from heaven to the womb of the virgin, from the womb of the virgin to the cross, and from the cross to the grave, that same love of Christ moved him to discover [reveal] himself after he was risen from the grave to them that he knew did entirely and wonderfully love him." - Richard Sibbes (1577-1635), in *"A Heavenly Conference between Christ and Mary"*

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

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

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Sept 7		- Prayer Warrior Ministry First Meeting
Sept 7	9:30 am	-3rd graders get presented their Bibles
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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we have the joy of celebrating three more covenant baptisms in our congregation. We rejoice in the Lord as we baptize Jovi Rae Fennema (daughter of Micah and Megan), Ellie Joy Fey (daughter of Derek and Brooke), and Saylor Kay Schoonhoven (daughter of Logan and Morgan).

Our church's new ministry for men, *"Theology for Breakfast"*, will begin on Saturday morning, September 6 from 7-8 AM here at church. This is a weekly ministry where we can read good material and discuss it together as a group over coffee and baked goods. Two items are outside the Fellowship Hall this morning. One is the first article we'll read and discuss together on September 6 - please take a copy! The second is a sign-up list for a free copy of the first book we'll read as a group - "Ordinary" by Dr. Michael Horton. The church will purchase the book for any men at First who wish to be a part of *Theology for Breakfast*.

We would like to inform the congregation that, at their request, the memberships of Coleton and Jennifer Hilarides and family have been transferred to First Reformed Church of Edgerton. We pray for continued blessings in their spiritual journey.

The education season is starting soon and the Lord has blessed our church with an abundance of covenant youth, Praise the Lord! Therefore, due to continued large class sizes and space constraints we cannot offer Sunday School to kids younger than four. If you have a child turning 4 in 2025 they are

welcome to join the preschool class. All 3 year olds are welcome to come to Kid's Praise and sing with Priscilla after church in the basement until 11:05am.

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).

"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 Church Pantry Shower will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00pm to honor Avery & Julia Pater, Carter & Lucy VanHulzen, and Hunter VanderHaar and Cassidy Johnson.

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.

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

SWC Circle #2 invites you to their Labor Day Pancake Breakfast! Come and enjoy delicious, all you can eat, pancakes at the Southwest Christian High School Cafeteria on Labor Day, September 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Also included at the breakfast is sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Freewill donation.

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.

The annual golf fundraiser is Saturday, Sept 6. As in years past, it is an 18-hole 4 person scramble with door and pin prizes! If you would like to register a team of 4, please call the Luverne Country Club at 507-283-4383. If you would like to participate, but don't have a full team of four, or if you have any other questions, please reach out to Austin Spronk at 507-227-5988

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

The annual Pipestone County backpack program that we have supported for many years has a new look. After partnering with Volunteers In Mercy last year, First Presbyterian in Pipestone has taken over distribution of school supplies for Pipestone students this year. VIM is working through the Edgerton food shelf to provide backpacks and school supplies for local students in Edgerton and Chandler. If you would like to help with this need, contact Dennis Kroll at 507-220-4231.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, September 15 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 second someone/somewhere needs blood. Anyone 16 yrs. or older and in good health is able to donate.

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. Worship 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

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- AUGUST 24:

Nursery: **AM** – Alex & Shannon N, Brigitte P, Kaden S, Henry L
PM- Haley V, Kaitlyn Sche, Megan B, Brooklyn T

Valet: Duane VB

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

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Josi VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children’s Worship: Kelsey S, Carli S

Praise Team: Shelby K, Mara B, Vera P, Kinley S, Carli S, Blaire T

Keyboard: Brittany F

NEXT WEEK- AUGUST 31:

Nursery: **AM** – Phil & Katie F, Kim V, Sawyer VH, Tyler S
PM- Jana T, Kala T, Sawyer S, Carson V

Valet: Nathan B

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

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Devin S

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Jon/Jared

Medical Assistant: Nick S

Children’s Worship: Mindy B & Hartley B

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