

The Lord’s Day – August 31, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: Psalm 135:3

*Opening Songs of Adoration: #239 *“Amid the Thronging Worshipers”* (1, 2)
#560 *“Like a River Glorious”*

Standard of Righteousness: Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving: *“His Robes For Mine”*

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

Scripture Reading: John 6:25-40 (p. 1657)

Sermon: “The True Bread from Heaven”

*Song of Response: *“Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground”* – Trinity Hymnal #518

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Bill and Aletha Green

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #461 *“Beautiful Savior”* (v. 4)

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord’s Day – August 31, 2025
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 56:3-4

Pastor: When I am afraid, I will trust in you.

Congregation: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal
man do to me?

*Call to Worship: Colossians 1:16-18

*Opening Song of Honor: #460 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Bible Reading: Hebrews 12:4-11 (p. 1877)

Prayer of the Lord’s People

*Song of Gratitude: *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 32 (p. 869)

Sermon: “At My End”

*Song of Response: #32 *“How Blest Are They Whose Trespass”* (v. 1-3)

Prayer for the Offering

Offertory: *“Be Thou My Vision”* – Jayden Brands

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: *“The God of Abraham Praise”* (v. 4)

SERMON NOTES – August 31, 2025

"The True Bread from Heaven"
John 6:25-40

"At My End"
Psalm 32

REFORMATION MATTERS: "If, then, we should seek for another mediator who would be favorably inclined towards us, whom could we find who loved us more than He who laid down His life for us, even while we were His enemies? And if we seek for one who has power and majesty, who is there that has so much of both as He who sits at the right hand of God and to whom hath been given all authority in heaven and on earth? - Belgic Confession, Article 26

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Sat	7-8 am	- Theology for Breakfast

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
	6:30 pm	- GEMS – theme night!
	7:30 pm	- Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel
Sept 11	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
Sept 13	9:30 am	- 8 th Annual Tractor/UTV Ride from Southwest Christian High School
Sept 14	10:45 am	- Kid’s Praise begins
Sept 17	9:30 am	- AM Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:30 pm	- PM Coffee Break
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group- Large Group meeting
	7:50 pm	- Adult Bells begins
Sept 24	6:00 pm	- Cadet Hotdog and Games night at Rock River Park
Sept 24	6:00 pm	- Kids Of Grace Kick off at City Park
Sept 28	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck (Postponed from August 31)
Oct 8	6:30 pm	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel
Oct 19	9:30 am	- Mission Emphasis Sunday

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We grieve with and pray for Wes and Sheila De Kam and their family after the recent death of Hennie De Kam. May the Lord Jesus, the Savior who is the resurrection and the life, bring gospel comfort to the family at this time.

Our church's new ministry for men, "*Theology for Breakfast*", will begin this 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*.

"*Living for the King*" is the name of our new discipleship class for adults here at First (including high

school juniors and seniors). The class will begin after morning worship on Sunday, September 14 from 11-11:40 in the sanctuary. We will watch some short videos and occasionally read something, then spend time discussing it together. *"Living for the King"* will provide an opportunity for healthy, Christian discussion about how to live and engage as faithful Christians in our world. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Scott.

Women's Bible Study – All women are invited to a Bible Study of Paul's letter to his friend Titus. You will be invited to "Display the Gospel of Grace" as we look at the essential connection between right belief and right character and the way both testify to the goodness of the gospel. **Coffee Break will begin September 17, 2025 at First Christian Reformed Church.** The morning group will meet at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room with Story Hour and nursery provided for children. The evening group will meet at 6:30 in the Council Room (no Story Hour or nursery). If you have questions call or text Thea Nykamp 507-227-9513 (morning group) or Priscilla Pater 507-215-1482 (evening group).

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.

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners- After a very blessed 10 weeks of home assignment in the United States, we returned safely to Guinea over the weekend. Our trip went very smoothly and we were grateful that all 9 of our bags arrived right on time! The boys are heading off to their first day of school this morning as we continue to settle back into our Africa home. Next week, Sosthene will travel to Zimbabwe for the Annual Christian Educators' Conference where he will also be one of the keynote speakers. Three weeks from now, we will also be holding a week-long, in-person training for preschool teachers at the Teacher's Garden in Conakry, Guinea. We're so looking forward to that. Thank you for praying for our ministry and family! Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara

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 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

The annual all circles meeting is coming up! If you have a child at SWC high school, we encourage you to come to the all circles meeting on September 15 at 7:00pm in the music room. Men and Women are encouraged to attend as we will review financials, teacher requests and collect dues (\$10). This meeting will be prompt! Each individual circle will have their own meeting to follow after the all circles meeting. We hope to see you there!

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

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

Save the Date: Word & Deed is planning a dinner evening for Thursday, October 9, in Rock Valley, Lord willing. We are pleased to have Rev. Johnckson Murabyo from Uganda as our speaker. He is the director of El Shaddai, a ministry that rescues Muslim background believers (MBB) from their families after they convert to Christianity from Islam. The ministry relocates, disciples, and trains many of the MBBs to be able to care for themselves. Please save the date; more details will follow.

Word & Deed Prayer Update - Seed & Fertilizer for Families in Kenya

After enduring multiple years of drought, economic conditions in Kenya remain challenging. In response to this, Word & Deed partnered with the Bumala Reformed Theological Seminary to supply 515 vulnerable people (many of them widows), from 14 different churches, with maize seed and fertilizer earlier this year. The recipients were taught good farming techniques so that they could improve yields and provide well for their families. The message of the Gospel was proclaimed by our partner and the local churches at the time of distribution. The recipients began to harvest their maize last week. Please pray for a blessing over both the physical and spiritual harvests of this aid.

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- 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

NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 7:

Nursery: **AM** – Marshall & Tawni P, Evon VH, Izzy M, Kalli B
PM- Rebecca V, Karen F, Carter B, Caleb S
Valet: Mark S
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S
Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH
Video: Levi VH
Projection: Jan/Kaden
Medical Assistant: Brenda K
Children’s Worship: Kelsey S & Jaycee K
Praise Team: Mark & Lori B, Kurt & Vonda T, Tadd & Erica P, Seth & Brittany F
Keyboard: Kaitlyn

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
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