

**The Lord’s Day – September 7, 2025**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude: *“Cornerstone” – “I Love to Tell the Story” – “Seek Ye First”*

Welcome

Silent Prayer

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 108:5

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“Behold Our God” & “You Are Worthy of Praise”*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 12:14

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #260 *“Not What My Hands Have Done”*  
At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,  
located downstairs in Room 4.

Musical Offering: *“Soon and Very Soon”* – Men of First CRC

Scripture Reading: John 6:37-40 (p. 1657)

Sermon: *“The Glory and Greatness of Our Savior”*

\*Song of Response: #454 *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory Song: *“Come People of the Risen King”*

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: *“To Worship You”*

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Reframe Ministries

**The Lord’s Day – September 7, 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 Psalm 36:7-9

\*The Lord’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: 46 *“God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”*

Reading: Canons III-IV *“Human Corruption, Conversion to God, and the Way It Occurs”* Articles 7-10

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Thanksgiving: 568 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Scripture: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Sermon: THE RIVER OF LIFE

\*Song of Response: 560 *“Like a River Glorious”*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Christian Education

\*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (p. 814)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 620 *“By the Sea of Crystal”*

SERMON NOTES – September 7, 2025

“The Glory and Greatness of Our Savior”  
John 6:37-40

"The River of Life"  
Ezekiel 47:1-12

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "The ways of the worship of God in his church and ordinances, are the ways and worship of God in Christ, which he has appointed...There is much more outward beauty and glory in other ways that Christ has not appointed. But if we love the ways Christ has appointed, because he has appointed them, then we choose those ways because we have chosen him to be our king; and that is it which gives them beauty and life." - John Owen (1616-1683), in "*Sermons to the Church*"

**THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
		- 3rd graders get presented their Bibles
		- Prayer Warrior Ministry First Meeting
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	- Council/Consistory
Tue	6:30 pm	- Orientation meeting for new 4 <sup>th</sup> grade cadets + 1 parent at Bethel
		- GEMS – theme night!
		- Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning meeting at Bethel
Wed	7:30 pm	- Christian Fellowship
		- Theology for Breakfast
		- 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tractor/UTV Ride from Southwest Christian High School
Thur	9:30 am	
Sat	7-8 am	
	9:30 am	

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Sept 14	10:45 am	- Kid’s Praise begins
		- Sunday School & Catechism Begins
		- Choir Begins
Sept 17	11:00 am	- Living for the King Discipleship class begins in Sanctuary
	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 28	11:30 am	- All Church Potluck (Postponed from August 31)
Oct 8	6:30 pm	- First Regular Cadet Meeting at Bethel

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer Warriors: Prayer Warrior ministry resumes today! Please grab the sheet in your church mailbox and find your prayer partner immediately after the service this morning. There will be a time to connect in prayer and a brief summary of the ministry.

Sunday School and Catechism classes begin next week Sunday, September 14th! Please take a moment to review the classroom assignments and teachers listed below. Today, after the morning service, the Education Committee requests that your students head directly to their classrooms to meet their teacher and collect their materials. The Education Committee is also pleased to announce that this year's church education offering will be collected for the Edgerton Food Shelf. Our goal this year is

\$1000 for this important ministry, and the 4 year old-6th grade classes will have the opportunity to give each week. Thank you to all who give their time and energy towards the education of our covenant youth. Please see the Classroom Assignment list on the information table in the back of church.

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.

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 Choir members in 11th/12th grade, with the help of their parents are beginning to fundraise for a once in a lifetime performance opportunity! The Lord willing, the students and chaperones, led by Mrs. Brittney Forness will be traveling to NYC during spring break '26. Their second fundraiser will be held on Sept 17 from 3-7pm on Maple Street during Edgerton's Fall Festival. Students and parents will be serving up a variety of snacks and supper items. For your entertainment, the Sioux Falls Pairs and Spares Club will be demonstrating their square dancing skills. Calling and singing will be done by Elaine Peacock and Robert Schelhaas. All ages are invited to come on out for a fun evening of food, fellowship and entertainment, while supporting the choir kids!

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](mailto: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.

The ATLAS for Life Christmas Rummage and Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 15. Please mark your calendar, and if you have a few Christmas items to donate to our fundraiser, please drop off donations at the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Another item that is helpful is large planter pots. With these requests, knowing your prayer support is the greatest gift of

all!

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](https://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.

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction Thursday October 9 2025 at the South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From home made items, to gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item contact Joel De Wit – [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or 712.739.0055, don't forget to mark your calendars for Thursday October 9, 2025, Meal starts at 5p Auction starting at 645p.

#### **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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

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MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- 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

NEXT WEEK- SEPTEMBER 14:

Nursery: **AM** – Nick & Shawna S, Lori VE, Sydney VH, Myah J  
**PM**- Carrie T, Thea N, Josi VH, Zackery B  
Valet: Ryan V  
Ushers: Clayton B, Rod C, Curt M, Clint S  
Sound: AM – Devin S    PM – Devin S  
Video: Jacob M  
Projection: Jonathan/Kirk  
Medical Assistant: Kim V  
Children’s Worship: Mara M & Fallon 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		

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