

The Lord's Day – February 15, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude – *“Lead Me, Guide Me”* – *“The Lord Almighty Reigns”*

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *“All Praise to Him”*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 13:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 9:27-28

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

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

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-23 (p. 1664)

Sermon: *“Blind Eyes Opened”*

*Song of Response: *“All Glory Be to Christ”*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

Offertory Song: *“He Will Hold Me Fast”*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* (#637)

*Postlude: *“My Friends May You Grow in Grace”*

Next Sunday's Offering: Mid America Reformed Seminary

The Lord's Day – February 15, 2026
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Introit: *“He Leadeth Me”* - JD Vis

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 I John 5:13-15

*The Lord's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: 495 *“I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace”*

Reading: Canons III-IV *“Human Corruption, Conversion to God, and the Way It Occurs”* Articles 16-17

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Thanksgiving: 593 *“My Song Forever Shall Record”*

Scripture: Romans 8:12-17, 26-27; 10:9-15; I John 3:19-24

Sermon: THE ASSURANCE OF FAITH

*Song of Response: *“500:1,2,5 “How Firm a Foundation”*

Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Christian Education

*Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (p. 814)

*Benediction

*Doxology: 501:1,7 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

SERMON NOTES – February 15, 2026

**"Blind Eyes Opened"
John 9:1-23**

**"The Assurance of Faith"
Romans 8:12-17, 26-27; 10:9-15; I John 3:19-24**

REFORMATION MATTERS: "The church has her unique transcendent culture into which she invites refugees from every tribe, nation, people, and language to find their refuge and life in Christ and his saving work. There they take their places with saints living and departed—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Miriam, and Joseph; Matthew, Mark, and Luke; Lydia, Paul, and Timothy—and people of every era and place who with one voice extol the praises of him who called them out of darkness and into his marvelous light." - Harold Senkbeil, in *"The Care of Souls"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	- Catechism, Sunday School, Living for the King class
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Tue	7:00 pm	- Consistory
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	5:50 pm	- Bells
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
Sat	6:30 pm	- Youth Group
	7:00 am	- Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Feb 26	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
--------	---------	------------------------

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to express deep gratitude for all the expressions of love and sympathy we have received over the past months, weeks, and days. The meals, snacks, cards, hugs, and words of encouragement have not gone unnoticed. What a blessing to be surrounded by brothers and sisters who have shared the love of Christ with us as Elaine walked this journey. "May the God of hope will you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13 -The Family of Elaine Prins

March 29, 2:30 pm - Join us for the Annual Music Festival at First CRC of Edgerton. Southwest Christian's choirs, along with individual and choral groups from area churches, will present selections during this afternoon of praise. The audience will be invited to join the mass choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be collected for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12). If you would like to participate, there are some sign up sheets on the information table in the back of church.

Mission Trip - In April, 16 of us from Bethel and First CRC will travel to the Dominican Republic to serve with Go Ministries. We would love for you to partner with us through your prayers and if you feel led, help us purchase supplies for our trip. We will be doing physical labor and VBS/field days. Here are ways you can partner with us:

1. Purchase supplies for VBS/Field Days - (Go to Amazon, Select Account & Lists, Find a List or Registry,

then enter Erin Van Hulzen under Owner's Name, Click on DR Go Ministries Mission Trip 2026 and select items to purchase.)

2. Go Sports Donation Box - located in the church lobby (Collecting any sport-specific shoes/cleats in good condition, especially soccer cleats and basketball shoes; balls for baseball, basketball, soccer & volleyball; volleyball knee pads; shin guards for soccer; baseball gloves; whistles, & pumps for balls).

3. Give a monetary gift to fly supplies to the DR.

Thank you for your prayers and support! First CRC contacts are Jody De Kam (507-920-6895) and Erin Van Hulzen (507-227-7951) if you have questions!

Council notes from our meetings in January and February.

- Member assignments were finalized, and the updated list will be shared with the Congregation and posted on the website.
- The Council approved partial funding for a member participating in a mission trip through Dordt University.
- A request was approved to allow a member to borrow centerpieces from the fellowship hall for an off-site event.
- An amendment was made to the Buildings and Grounds building-use policy. This change now allows, through cooperation, funerals and weddings of members to be held in the church building during the same week that VBS is using the facility.
- Pastor Scott (minister), Nick Sjaarda (elder), and Alex Nykamp (deacon) volunteered to serve as delegates to classis. Duane Baker will serve as the elder alternate, and CJ Veldhuizen will serve as the deacon alternate

If you need to make any changes to your church directory information or update your photo, please contact Kirk Van Hulzen.

Please DO NOT place large objects on the mailboxes. If the mailbox won't shut, please place the item on top of the mailboxes and place a note in the mailbox. Large items in the boxes make it hard for others to get mail in and out of the boxes.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC Circle #5 Fundraiser – LUCK OF THE DRAW Raffle: Friday, February 20 at the SWC Boys Home Game vs HBC. Bake Sale Tables open at 5:00 PM | Drawing at Varsity Halftime \$20 = 1 Envelope / 1 Entry. Win a homemade baked item (bonus prizes may be hidden!) Boost your chances by purchasing multiple entries.

Kids, we will also be having a **Lollipop Pull** – \$1 = sucker + prize

Come support Circle 5 and enjoy some delicious treats!

SWC Kindergarten Round Up is just around the corner! Parents and their prospective Kindergartener are warmly invited to Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools' Kindergarten Round Up on Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun and informative evening as we explore all the great aspects of Kindergarten at SWC! Children and their parents will enjoy a scavenger hunt, followed by an opportunity to visit the Kindergarten classroom. Parents will also attend a brief informational meeting led by Principal Top.

Sibling care will be available upon request—please contact the school by Friday, February 20, to make arrangements. Prospective Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026, to attend Kindergarten.

We would love for you to join us and learn more about what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! For more information, call the SWC Elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email elementary@swcschools.org

COMMUNITY & MISC

MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS...SATURDAY THE 21st-6PM @ INWOOD CRC we will continue our Bible Study.

At 6pm we will have a meal together (I'm bringing hamburgers and the fixings. I ask that each of you bring a side dish or dessert to share). After the meal we will study Ephesians Your Place in God's World. Lesson #5 Chapter 4:1-16 "How Churches Grow."

If you took a Bible Study book home with you in the last few lessons, please, remember to take it with you. Also take your Bible. We have ink pens and notebooks. No prep work is necessary.

RSVP to Lee at 712 470 4244 before the 19th. And as always...bring a friend!

Do you have an interest in helping out at Inspiration Hills? They are looking for Counselors, Day camp coordinators and a worship coordinator. For more information, see the information table in the back of church.

Justice for All invites you to attend the Get To Know JFA Event on March 28, 2026 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center, IA, 5:30 – 8:00PM. JFA Ministry programs (Service & Learning, Sharing & Caring, and Transitional Housing) will be presented and then get ready for some fun!! JFA has invited Christian comedian and illusionist Joshua Jordan back again for a great time of laughs and magic! Entertainment for All ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. Reservations can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. (\$75/ticket or \$500 for a table of 8) Kids welcome to join us as we celebrate JFA ministry and enjoy a fun evening!!

Grief Share at ATLAS: ATLAS for Life will be hosting their spring 13-week GriefShare Support Group.

The first gathering will be held on **TUESDAY, February 24** and run through May. Each evening will begin at 5:30 pm at ATLAS (101 2nd St. NE – Pipestone) and conclude around 7:00 pm. A light refreshment will be served.

The journey of grief is different for each individual, but there are useful insights to help and encourage you through videos and group discussions. You may join the group at any time during the course of the meetings. Call (507) 562-5777 with questions or to sign up! A contribution of \$10.00 by each participant to help cover the cost of the book will be appreciated.

Word & Deed Prayer Update - South Sudan: South Sudan gained independence in 2011 but soon after was engulfed in civil war, forcing many in rural areas to flee to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps established by the United Nations. Even today, many remain in these camps. Word & Deed partnered with the Sudanese Reformed Church to help families return to their villages. So far 160 of 200 people being supported by this program have been repatriated. Due to a rise in unrest and volatility in many

regions, the program has been put on hold. Please pray that the families who have moved back to their villages will reintegrate well and that the last 40 people who are waiting to return to their homes will have the opportunity to do so soon.

RESGEN Men's Summit 2026 will again be simulcast at Bethel CRC in Edgerton Saturday, Feb 21. The event starts at 8:00 in the morning and runs until 2:00 PM. Cost is \$30 per person which includes a morning snack and a light noon lunch. Speakers at this year's Summit include John C Maxwell, Tim Tebow, Tom Henderson and more. To reserve your spot scan the QR code (on the information table in the back of church)! For more information contact Tom Bouma @ 605-370-9165. Come be encouraged, equipped and engaged.

The temperatures may be cold, but over at Inspiration Hills is thinking about SUMMER! Camp registration will open February 2nd at 9:00 AM! Our theme this year is "Not of this world" taken from John 17:16 which says "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." This verse comes from Jesus' High Priestly Prayer when He is praying for His disciples, and subsequently us. In this verse, we find a key truth that Jesus reveals, that as believer we are NOT OF THIS WORLD. We do not belong to this world, but rather to the Kingdom of God. We are excited to share this great truth with all who come up our hill during the summer time! *For more information, please see the information table in the back of church.*

Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the 2026 Spring Student Lectures on Tuesday, March 10, featuring Dr. Mark Jones, minister at Faith Vancouver PCA. Dr. Jones will present "*Losing My Religion*," a three-part series examining sin and backsliding through Luke 15, addressing why believers fall away, recognizing warning signs, and understanding genuine repentance. The afternoon sessions run from 1:00–4:30 PM (Central Time) and include Q&A periods and refreshment breaks. Those unable to attend in person may watch via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Register online at www.midamerica to secure your spot for this afternoon of theological insight and discussion.

Classis Minnkota is hiring! We're seeking a creative, energetic leader to help strengthen churches, develop new leaders, and explore new church planting opportunities. If you're eager to see Reformed churches grow in faithfulness and impact right here in the upper Midwest, we'd like to hear from you! Learn more: wgtncrc.org/classis-advancement-director

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- FEBRUARY 15:

Nursery: AM – Jackie W, Cindy S, Kim VH, Cora B, Victoria P

PM- Jody S, Kala T, Jayden B, Blaire T

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Bob S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Kaden/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Carmen F

Children's Worship: Andrea L & Jaycee K

Praise Team: Mark & Lori, Kurt & Vonda, Tadd & Erica, Seth & Brittany

Keyboard: Kaitlyn

NEXT WEEK- FEBRUARY 22:

Nursery: AM – Brian and AnnMarie B, Morgan S, Vera P, Tabitha S

PM- Rebecca V, Lois S, Kambrie S, Carli S

Valet: Dale M

Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Bob S

Sound: AM – Jesse VH PM – Jesse VH

Video: Max VH

Projection: Kirk/Justin

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Carmen F & 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

CHURCH INFORMATION