

The Lord's Day – March 22, 2026
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor Leroy Christoffels

Prelude - *"Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word" & "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"*

Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: II Corinthians 5:21-6:2

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Adoration: *"Christ is Mine Forevermore"*

Call to Confession – Acts 3:17-21

Prayer of Repentance

Declaration of Pardon: from Psalm 40:8-10

*Song of Thanksgiving: #55 *"I Need Your Help, O LORD My God"*

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 55

Sermon: *"THE MAN WHO WANTED TO FLY AWAY"*

Hymn of Response: 383 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: A & K L. - Global Serve International

Offertory - *"Yet Not I"*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *"Glorify Thy Name" vs 1*

Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

The Lord's Day – March 22, 2026
Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Mark Groen

Prelude – Adult Bells – *"Hosanna"*
"Prelude on O Worship the King"

Introit: *"This Is My Father's World"* – Adam Schelhaas

Welcome and 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: Psalm 66:1-4

*Opening Song of Adoration: #410 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Bible Reading: Psalm 111 (p. 952)

Prayer of the Lord's People

*Song of Gratitude: #175 *"Unto God Our Savior"*

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18 (p. 1883)

Sermon: *"Two Kinds of Wisdom"*

*Song of Response: #500 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Prayer for the Offering (A&K – Global Serve International)

Offertory: Adult Bells – *"This Little Light of Mine"*
"He Is Lord"

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: #635 *"Gloria Patri"*

SERMON NOTES – March 22, 2026

"The Man Who Wanted to Fly Away"
Psalm 55

"Two Kinds of Wisdom"
James 3:13-18

REFORMATION MATTERS: "Pure and perfect goodness is the royal prerogative of God alone; goodness is a choice perfection of the divine nature. This is the true and genuine character of God. He is good; he is goodness, good in himself, good in his essence, good in the highest degree, possessing whatsoever is comely, excellent, desirable; the highest good, because the first good; whatsoever is perfect goodness is God; whatsoever is truly goodness in any creature is a resemblance of God." - Stephen Charnock (1628-1680), in *"The Existence and Attributes of God: Volume 2"*

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:45 am	-Catechism, Sunday School, NO Living for the King class
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:00 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Evening Coffee Break
Thur	6:30 pm	- GEMS and Cadets
	9:30 am	- Christian Fellowship
Sat	7:00 am	- Theology for Breakfast

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

April 1	6:30 pm	- Youth Group Easter Party with Kids of Grace
April 2	NO FRIENDSHIP MEETING - Will meet again on April 16	
April 11	10:00 am	- Cadet-O-Rama at Sioux Falls Christian

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We express our grief and offer our prayers for Marilyn and Brad Hulstein following the recent death of Marilyn's brother, Harvey Dragstra. May our faithful God and Savior meet the family in this time of loss with his daily mercies and renewing grace and peace.

Please join us this morning for our All Church Potluck starting around 11:45.

First will again be hosting a Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 5. The service will begin at 7 AM and all are welcome to join us in this time of Scripture and song with a time of breakfast to follow. We also look forward to worshipping together at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM that Sunday for our regularly scheduled worship services.

Our "Living for the King" class *will not be meeting this morning*. Please plan on reading Chapter 6 ("Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?") and being ready to discuss it next Sunday, March 29.

Bells will be having practice on Sunday evening at 5:45. This will be the final practice until September.

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting

relationships. You should have found a flyer in mailboxes with information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 1-4, 2026. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area.

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!

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

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL at Southwest MN Christian Schools is open for enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year and we couldn't be more excited!

What a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore and discover God's world! Registration forms can be picked up at the elementary campus office at 210 Elizabeth St W, Edgerton, or downloaded at our school website, swcschools.org.

For more information or if you'd like a school tour, call the office at 507-442-6181 or email us at elementary@swcschools.org. Come experience the difference at SWC!

The Southwest MN Christian High School Circles invite you to their annual Spring Soup and Dessert Supper on Tuesday, March 24 at Southwest Christian High School. Serving time is 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Menu choices include chili, cheesy vegetable, pea and chicken rice soups, BBQ and desserts. Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

Save the Date! Southwest MN Christian will be holding their annual **Black & Gold Banquet on Saturday, April 11, 2026**, at the elementary gymnasium! Social hour begins at 5:45, devotions & dinner at 6:15, followed by entertainment and dessert.

SWC is so excited to welcome back **Slap Happy Comedy!** The dynamic duo of Erik and Adam bring high energy, hilarious and interactive improvisational comedy to each event. With the help of the audience, they create comedy together that is fresh, fun and like one big happy family! Join us for a night of delicious food and laughter - reserve your spot today! You can reserve seats at a table or fill up a table of 8! If you are interested in hosting, would like to reserve seats, or need more information about the event contact Daci at 507-442- 4471 or Dawn at 507-442-6181. **We appreciate your reservations and look forward to you coming!**

SWC 7th-12th grade drama lovers are working hard on this year's musical, Singin' in the Rain Jr. A musical coming to a gym near you on March 26, 27, and 28 at 7:00 pm in SWC Elementary gymnasium. Tickets will go on sale March 9!

Singin' in the Rain JR. is a fun, family-friendly musical set in 1920s Hollywood as movies switch from silent films to "talkies." When a starlet's voice threatens a big film, aspiring actress Kathy Selden (Hannah Masselink) secretly helps save the show — and captures the heart of leading man Don Lockwood (Jonah Uilk). Full of comedy, romance, and classic songs, it's a celebration of hidden talent and movie magic!

COMMUNITY & MISC

Edgebrook GSSWay is holding their annual Easter Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser again! You have until March 31st to complete your bidding. Once the bidding is complete, you have from April 1-April 3 to pick up your basket.

Dear Congregation of First CRC, Thank you for helping to spread the gospel through your gift to Resonate Global Mission! We are grateful for your heart for God's mission and your willingness to join us in our work. You are making it possible for Resonate missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers to share the love of Christ.

From rural villages across the world to buzzing downtown centers, suburban streets, and country roads at home, you are making a difference in people's lives in more than 40 countries. Your generosity is inspiring believers all over to join in God's transformative work in their communities. People are learning about Jesus for the first time, Christians are being equipped to share the gospel with friends and family, and leaders are being trained to help meet pressing needs—like finding sustainable ways to provide food, clean water, and education—all for God's glory. In a world where people face a lot of pain and challenges, thank you for taking a step into God's big story of redemption and renewal and shining the light of Christ. Together, we can help the good news go out so that all people and nations have an opportunity to learn about the hope, grace, and love of the gospel. Serving with you, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

All are invited to join us for an enjoyable evening concert presented by the Rehoboth Christian High School band from Rehoboth, New Mexico. Hosted by the Luverne CRC, 6:30 pm, Sunday, March 29, 2026. This is a mission that Luverne CRC supports. 90 students will need overnight lodging on Sunday evening, March 29 after the concert. If you are able to host 2-4 students, please email Greg Kuiper at gmkuiper83@gmail.com. Students are scheduled to be at SWMCS on the morning of Monday, March 30.

The Rehoboth Christian High School band invites you to attend their concerts while they are touring in your local area.

March 26: Shalom CRC Sioux Falls, SD 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 27: Dordt University, BJ Haan Auditorium 7:00 PM Concert

March 28: Calvary CRC Orange City, IA 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert

March 29: Trinity CRC Rock Valley, IA 9:30 AM Service Participation

March 29: Luverne CRC. Luverne, MN 6:30 PM Concert

All concerts are free to attend with a free-will offering taken. For more information visit <https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/finearts.cfm> or email Laura Blystra at lblystra@rcsnm.org.

One of the ministries of Volunteers in Mercy (VIM) is to provide transportation for people who may not have ways to get to appointments. We are in need of a vehicle for that purpose. If you have a good used vehicle that you might be in a position to donate or sell at a reasonable price, please contact Dennis Kroll at 507-220-4231. Thanks for your support for this ministry.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, March 23 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 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Anyone 16 years (with parents permission) or older is eligible to donate. Please help us reach our goal of collecting 75 units of blood.

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!!

The Art of Marriage Retreat at Inspiration Hills is coming up soon! This weekend retreat will be a great opportunity for couples to not only rest and relax, but also strengthen their marital bond through our guided workshops. We will follow FamilyLife's video curriculum to cover the topics that come up most often throughout married life including communication, conflict, intimacy, and love. There will also be breakout sessions and fun activities throughout the weekend. Also, because of the generosity of donors

who understand the value of this retreat, we are able to provide lodging, food, and everything else for only \$50/couple. We would love to serve your couples so they can have a life changing experience without having to worry about the cost. Consider sponsoring your couples today!

When is the retreat? March 27-29 starting at 4:30PM on Friday and ending at noon on Sunday.

Where is the retreat? At Inspiration Hills! 1242 280th St, Inwood, IA. If interested in sponsoring, give us a call at 712-986-5193 or email us at ihills@inspirationhills.org. To view full event details and to register, go to <https://www.inspirationhills.org/marriage>

A Maundy Thursday Brunch will be held at First Reformed Church on Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 AM with rolls and coffee served at 9:00 AM. Guest speaker, Cal Brouwer will share his experience working with Hope Haven International Ministries by spreading God's love through wheelchairs. The freewill offering will go to Hope Haven International. All women or the community are invited to attend.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet Monday, April 13, 2026 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Thursday, April 9 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109, Or donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

The MINNIKOTA YOUTH (& DU STUDENT LEADERS) 16th ANNUAL JR HIGH RETREAT is April 17-19 at Inspiration Hills. Our theme this year is "TRUTH" from John 8:31-32 'Jesus said, 'If you abide in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" Join other local Jr High Students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) at this retreat designed especially for you. Growing your faith, prayer time, worship through songs, student speakers sharing from their hearts, large group games, community service time, a Leader lead talent show, fun with old friends and new, and small group time will be on the agenda for the weekend! For more information or to register, email Lee at degrootlee@gmail.com or mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com or check us out on our Facebook page Minnikota Youth where you will find a picture of our Leaders for the weekend and the registration form. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE...& as always....INVITE A FRIEND!

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- MARCH 22:

Nursery: AM – Nick & Shawna S, Jen B, Skylar S, Hartley B

PM- Jana T, Carrie T, Clara T, Jessica S

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Dave K, Rod Ch, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Dean E PM – Dean E

Video: Kevin VH

Projection: Kirk/Jonathan

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children's Worship: Mara M & Hartley B

Praise Team: Jody, Lori, Becky, Jen

Keyboard: Kaitlyn

NEXT WEEK- MARCH 29:

Nursery: AM – Levi & Mara M, Lori VE, Fallon B, Carolyn N

PM- Shannon N, Morgan S, Cora B, Shelby K

Valet: Mark S

Ushers: Dave K, Rod Ch, Curt M, Clint S

Sound: AM – Ray S PM – Ray S

Video: Levi VH

Projection: Justin/Orey

Medical Assistant: Nick S

Children's Worship: Kelly K & Max VH

Praise Team: Morgan, Haley, Brooklyn, Kevin, Jon, Jacob

Keyboard: Karrie J

MISSIONARIES

Margaret Njuguna

En-Gedi Children's Home,
Kenya

Sos and Kara Maletougou

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West Africa

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