

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH
August 25, 2024
WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation (The Lord's Prayer)

* Songs of Praise "Yet not I but through Christ in Me"
"Your Name"
"Be Unto Your Name"
"Unity"

Responsive Reading #664

Congregational Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation - #381 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **James 1:1**

Message: **It's Time to Grow Up!**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Application – #371:1-3 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
* Parting Words
* Closing Response – #371:4 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
* Postlude

Welcome to Leota Community Church. We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in His House!

Evening Worship: Pastor Ed Veldhuizen

Scripture: **Daniel 2:1-49**

Message: **A King & His Bad Dream**

Offering Ebenezer: General/Justice for All **Next Sunday:** General/Resonate

Offering Bethel: General/Benevolent Fund **Next Sunday:** General/Improvement Fund

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Thank you, everyone for your thoughtfulness following my knee replacement and the fracture to my tibia which happened during surgery. Thank you for the wonderful food, cards, visits, and prayers. I'm very grateful for all of you. it's great to be part of such a caring community.
-- Orv and Judy Vis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVERYONE is invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments after the morning service.

New Members Class for Youth – Today, after the morning worship in Room #8.

Ministry Day in Leota – Pastor Mike will be in Leota Monday afternoon/evening. If you would like to meet with him, please contact him or stop by the Bethel office.

Service Group #1 will meet after church TODAY. We are in charge of August and September church coffees and Wednesday night meals. Information is in your mailbox. Look it over and come prepared to let us know what dates work for you!

Please turn in items for the **September Newsletter**, deadline is TODAY!

August is the month for our **Mission Fund Drive**. Our goal is to raise \$6,000.00 for our missionary in Nepal and for the Cornerstone Prison Ministry. Please write Mission Fund in the memo line of your check.
Ebenezer Deacons

SWCH Circle #2 will once again be hosting the annual **Labor Day Pancake Breakfast** from 7:30 am - 10:00 am on September 2 in the SWC high school cafeteria. Pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee will be available. Free will donation for SWC gratefully accepted.

Cade Thompson Back to School Live Concert is held at the Luverne High School on September 11. All middle, high school and youth groups are invited to attend this free concert.

The **7th Annual SWC Tractor Ride** is just around the corner on Saturday, September 14. The route begins at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Park on the north of the lot. Rolls and coffee will be available beginning at 8:00 am. Be ready to ride at 9:30. With questions or to register, call Kendra Kuipers at 507-227-0488

A New Sunday Morning Schedule begins starting September 15.

- * 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (children's class: K-4th grade; youth class: 5th-8th grade; no high school class: youth will be encouraged to help with the younger classes, & Elders' Training Course. No other adult class will be offered until January, 2025.
- * 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
- * 11:15 a.m. – Fellowship Time

LEOTA COMMUNITY WEDNESDAY EVENING – Our Wednesday evening activities will begin September 18. We will be serving supper at 6:30 sharp for everyone. Bible classes will follow from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Advance Dates for Cadets:

- Sept 11 6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4th grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC Edgerton.
- Sept 25 6:00 Cadet Hot-dog and Games night at Rock River Park
- Oct 9 6:30 First regular Cadet meeting at Bethel CRC

Elders' Training Course – This 14-week course will be during the Sunday school hour (9:00 a.m.) beginning September 15. There are **5** openings left for anyone thinking about attending. Please make this a high-commitment in attendance. The cost is \$20 to cover the material used. For more information about the course or interested in participating, contact Pastor Mike.

Special Guest Speaker – Rev. Tom Ricks, National Director of Church Planting from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination will be spending the morning and afternoon with us on Sunday morning, September 8. Rev. Ricks helps on a denomination level to start new churches in the denomination and to help bring churches into the denomination like ours. He

will be speaking at the worship service, mingling with the congregation during Fellowship Time and later be meeting with the Church Board Members and wives for lunch and conversation.

Over the summer, our SWCH Building Committee continued to gather details and determine best steps in considering a **building expansion at the High School and Elementary campuses**. We have worked toward accuracy and cost efficiency for the proposed building by communicating with engineers and construction managers. We have also considered whether this is a building that our school, community and supporters can financially support. In faith, the Building Committee is moving forward with the new information and timeline outlined in the documents below. **The SWC Society vote will take place on August 28 at 7:00pm at the Elementary Campus**. Absentee ballots are available at both school offices. Please review the following documents which can be found on the SWC school website at www.swcschools.org under the Who We Are tab:

[SWC Building Expansion Communication - July 25, 2024](#)

[Forward On A Firm Foundation Brochure](#)

Grief Share at ATLAS - The journey of grief is different for each individual, but there are useful insights to help & encourage you! ATLAS for Life in Pipestone (101 2nd St NE) is holding a Grief Share Support Group starting on Thursday, August 29th, for 13 weeks. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m., followed by a video & discussion. Evenings should conclude by 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the group at any time during the 13-week time frame. A monetary donation to help cover some of the costs is appreciated but not necessary to attend. Call (507) 562-5777 with questions or to sign up.

Please get all announcements to Sandy by Thursday @12:00 p.m. at isschelhaas@gmail.com or call 507-215-6832.