

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 27, 2024

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-3

* Songs of Praise led by Praise Team

“His Mercy is More”

“Who You Say I Am”

Congregational Prayer

*Apostles’ Creed

* Hymn of Preparation -

“We Have Come into His House”

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: **Acts 2:42-47**

Message: **Growing Together in Christ**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Song of Application -

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

* Parting Words

* Closing Response -

“When We All Get to Heaven”

* Postlude

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

Sunday Evening Worship: Pastor Doug De Groot

Scripture: **Ezekiel 36:24-32**

Message: **A New Heart**

Offering Ebenezer: General/SWCH **Next Sunday:** General Fund/Benevolent Fund

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND SERVICE

SUN 11:15 AM Choir rehearsal

WED 6:30 PM Leota Community Ministries

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Thank you for the phone calls and cards I received for my birthday! – Marlys Bouw

Geri Van Essen will celebrate her 82nd birthday on October 30th.

Irene Feikema will celebrate 100 years of God's goodness! Please join us for an open house celebration on her birthday, Sunday November 3 from 1-3PM at Edgebrook Care Center, Verdoes Room, 505 W Trosky Rd. Edgerton, MN 56128. Let your presence be your gift.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Pastor Carl Gearhart as he leads us in worship this morning.

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

Bethel Consistory nomination ballots are due today.

Items for the **November Newsletter** must be handed in. Deadline is today.

Elders Training Course – next week's assignment (November 3):

- * Read chapter 8 in the Leadership Training Manual (The Holy Spirit)
- * Answer the questions on page 136.
- * Read the contents of the Westminster Larger Catechism in pages 68-76.

The **Prayer Gathering** is meeting every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Ministry Day in Leota - Pastor Mike will be in Leota Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Wednesday Night Ministries - The entire family is invited to attend.

- * 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. – a meal for everyone!
- * 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – children, youth, & middle school ministries
- * 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – young adults (single or married) fellowship

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are in both churches. They are due back on November 18. And there is a table full of "pillowcase" dresses that can be taken home and used in the boxes.

Please join us at **ATLAS for Life** (101 2nd St. NE) as we partner with Pipestone Ministerial to pray for our area schools on Tuesday, October 29. There will be a light meal served at 11:30am followed by worship and prayer from 12-1 pm.

The SWCH Circles invite you to their annual **Fall Soup and Dessert Supper** on Tuesday, Nov. 5. 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.

CLUE will be the SWCH fall play for 9th-12th graders. This is a hilarious mystery, which will be performed on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 at the Elementary School Gym at 7:00 pm. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Clue is the comedy that leaves the audience wondering ... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

FINE ARTS NIGHT, Friday, November 8, the evening will include many different aspects of our Fine Arts program so will start a little earlier, at 6:15 pm. The night will begin with the Den Ouden writing program winners. These winners will only present and read their writings on Friday. After the readings, we will have a short intermission where you can have some dessert and wander around looking at artwork from the Art classes! After intermission, the students will present the play *Clue* by Sand Rustin again. Please join us for a night of detective work!

ART OF PARENTING RETREAT | Nov 15-16 | \$50 Per Couple

Come to this extended weekend retreat at Inspiration Hills to learn more about parenting. The weekend will include guided video sessions and engaging discussions. You'll be equipped to make faith the core of your parenting through intentional, Biblical instruction and Christ-centered plans that aim children's hearts toward God. Parents will finish the study with renewed confidence in parenting, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifts.

REGISTER ONLINE at inspirationhills.org/parenting

Join us! The SWC Donation Sale will be held on **Saturday, November 16** at the Elementary Campus. Come hungry - supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. with a menu of grilled burgers and fixings, cowboy beans, chips, and homemade bars! Freewill donation. The sale will start at 6:00 p.m. This is the one and only Donation Sale for the school year, so we thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to bless SWC Schools with your donations, along with your financial and prayerful support. The Donation Sale raises significant funds for the general operating needs of the school, and the goal set by the School Board for the 2024 Donation Sale is \$175,000. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to either school office. We look forward to early donations so we can catalog them for the Bill of Sale and online preview! Monetary donations go directly towards the fundraising goal or are used to buy key items for the sale. Visit swcschools.org for more information and a link to view the items for sale! Be sure to join us for a fun evening in support and celebration of Christian education! If you have any questions or need more information contact one of the schools at 507-442-4471 (High School), 507-442-6181 (Elementary) or Ashley Stoel at astoel@swcschools.org or call/text at 507-227-6446.

ATLAS for Life, Pipestone - Saturday, November 16 - Christmas Rummage and Boutique. Mark your calendar for this annual fundraiser with Christmas decor including wreaths and patio/porch pots!

RISE Ministries invites you to **RISE with Rob & Friends** – a night of hope through storytelling and music coming to SWCH Elementary School in Edgerton, MN on Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00. Experience this intimate evening as singer-songwriters Patrick Mayberry, Micah Tyler, and Emerson Day take the stage together and share their music, the stories behind their songs, and more. Rob Roozeboom's message will encourage and challenge you. Please join us for this incredible event! Tickets start at \$22 for adults. Kids 10 and under are \$10. Save \$2 per ticket when you buy 4 or more! Tickets on sale at riseministries.com.

Please get all announcements to Stephanie by Thursday @12:00 p.m. at steph6106@yahoo.com or call 605-366-9997.