

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle – Jerry & Linda Beckering

* Song of Praise #124 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Ministry in Music by Haley Vis & Kent Van’t Hof “The Manger”

Congregational Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation #123 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-17; Philippians 2:6-8**

Message: **Approaching the Christmas Season with Humility**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Song of Application #138:1-2 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

* Parting Words

* Closing Response #138:3 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

* Postlude

Welcome! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship the Lord together.

No Sunday Evening Worship

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

Offering Bethel: General Fund/Improvement Fund **Next Sunday:** Gen Fund/Benv Fund

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE

SUN 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

MON 7:00 PM Church Board Meeting at Bethel

WED 5:30 PM Children’s Christmas Program Practice

6:30 PM Leota Community Church Activities (Bethel)

7:30 PM Worship Team Meeting (Ebenezer)

NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Children’s Christmas Program Practice

9:00 AM Elders’ Training Course

9:30 AM Prayer Gathering

10:00 AM Worship & Children’s Christmas Program

11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Evening Worship Service

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

We want to **thank everyone** who has remembered us in any way during Marv's hospitalization and after his passing, with phone calls, food brought, cards, memorials and especially prayers.

Words cannot describe the value of a supportive church and community.
-- Verla Tinklenberg & family

We cannot thank our local businesses, churches, community members, and supporters of SWC more! Our to-date money raised from the donation sale is \$165,500.00! Thanks be to God for his financial blessings on Southwest Christian and for the continued support of this community. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Elders Training Course – next week's assignment (December 8):

- * Read chapter 3 in the Leadership Training Manual (The Bible)
- * Answer the questions on page 56.
- * Read the contents of the the Westminster Larger Catechism in pages 107-112.

People/Family Are Needed to light the advent candles and read Scripture on Sunday mornings during the Advent Season. If you are willing to participate contact Pastor Mike. Sunday still available is December 22.

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

Leota Community Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 8. We will practice on December 4 from 5:30-6:30 before the Wednesday night activities.

Christmas Services at Leota Community Church

- * Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December 8 during the morning worship service.
- * Christmas Communion – Sunday, December 15 during the morning worship service.
- * Candlelight Service – Sunday, December 22 during the evening worship service.
- * Christmas Morning Service – Wednesday, December 25 at Bethel. It starts at 10 a.m.

Attention Service Group #3 - Please be sure to check your mailbox today as there will be information concerning our service in the months of January and February of 2025. We also will have a meeting next week Sunday on December 8 after worship.

SWC 9-12 Christmas Concert - Monday, December 9 at 7:00pm at Bethel CRC. Join the SWCH students as they help us remember the reason for the season through voice and instruments. The evening will include performances from our High School Concert Band, Eagle and Chamber Choirs, as well as our specialty vocal groups, One Accord, Bel Canto, and Cantare. You won't want to miss this beautiful evening of music focused on the real reason we rejoice!

Burger and Hot Dog Feed: Friday, December 13 come on out to SWC gym and watch the boys play Edgerton Public and the girls play HBC. Both the elementary gym and the high school gym

will be in use all night. Circle #10 will be having their burger feed at the high school cafeteria that night. Serving from 5:00 -7:30. The meal will include a burger (\$7) or hotdog (\$6), chips, bar and a beverage. Come out for a fun night of basketball and enjoy a great meal also!

SWC K-8 Christmas Concert - Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm at the Elementary Gym. The SWC Elementary and Junior High students invite you to a night of Christmas joy! The evening will include a variety of lively and elegant musical selections all focused on our Lord and Savior born to us in a manger. A few of these selections are: What Child is This, Go Tell It on the Mountain, In the Bleak Midwinter, and Carol of the Bells. We look forward to an evening spent sharing our student's God-given gifts!

SWC Adult Tour to D.C. - The Senior class at SWC has just completed another successful class trip to Washington D.C. to see the many wonders of our nation's capital and now it is your turn! Arlington, Holocaust Museum, Capitol Building, Mt. Vernon, National Cathedral, plus all of the monuments and memorials is just a glimpse of what you will see and experience. I have heard for years now from parents, alumni and community members about wanting to experience a trip like this and now you can! This spring, just after the famous cherry blossoms bloom, from April 22-April 26 you can join Mr. Busker as he leads an adult trip to D.C. It will be as close of an experience as the kids get but at a slightly more relaxed pace and with a few better meal options. A good amount of walking will still be required. Enjoy a guided experience from a seasoned veteran. Cost is expected to be around \$2000.00 per person (or less) depending on your desire to room with others or not. There is only room for a maximum of 30 people. Don't hesitate to sign up in the high school office with Daci if you are interested and feel free to reach out to Mr. Busker with any questions you may have. Please sign up by December 11 so planning may begin. You've been wanting to see and experience D.C. for yourself for a while and now is your chance!

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