

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 8, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude "Hallelujah" Lee Christians

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle – DeDe Brittle & Eileen Rozeboom

* Song of Praise #128:1,4 *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

Children's Christmas Program

Song: *Won't You Come*

Congregation Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Song: *Heavenly Hosts*

Song: *Silent Night*

Congregation Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregational Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation #136:1,6 *"The First Noel"*

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **Luke 2:10-11**

Message: **An Artificial Christmas**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Application #151:1,2 *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

* Parting Words

* Closing Response #151:3 *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

* Postlude

Sunday Evening – Pastor Mark Groen

Scripture: **Hebrews 3:7-19**

Message: **Rest for the People of God**

Offering Ebenezer: General Fund/SWCH **Next Sunday:** General Fund/Tuition Need

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE

TODAY	11:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 AM	Service Group #3 Meeting in the Fireside Room
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service

MONDAY	6:30 PM	Cadets at Bethel CRC, Edgerton
	7:00 PM	Church Board Meeting at Bethel
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Leota Community Church Christmas Party (Bethel). Come for pizza, fun & games
	7:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (Ebenezer)
	7:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting (Ebenezer)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Elders' Training Course
	9:30 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service & Communion (Ebenezer)
	11:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Congratulations to **Glenn Blom** who celebrates his 91st birthday on Dec 11, to **Nadine Overbeek** who celebrates her 82nd birthday on Dec 13 and to **Dick Ruiter** who celebrates his 84th birthday on Dec 14th.

Thank you to everyone who donated pies and grocery items! We were able to bless the Union Gospel Mission as well as the local food shelf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are glad that you could come. We hope that God touches your life as we worship together and that you leave this place today with the peace of God within you.

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

Thank you to all our boys and girls who participated in the Christmas Program!

Leah Ruiter	Reese Christians	Olivia Muyskens
Madelyn Lubben	Matthew Koedam	Cara Ruiter
Beau Christians	Elliot Muyskens	
Nova DeKam	Alex Ruiter	
Morgan Koedam	Kora DeKam	
Mack DeKam	Lilly Mertens	
Krew DeKam	Ethan Muyskens	
Kais DeKam	Madison Christians	

A Special Thanks to Lee & Dawn Christians for your time and efforts in leading the Christmas Program.

Bethel Thanksgiving offering was \$7,365.00. The deacons thank everyone for their generosity.

Service Group # 3 will be having a meeting in the Fireside room directly after the worship service.

Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, Dec 11 at 7:30 pm. Study session 1 – Days 1-3 on pages 22-40

Elders Training Course – next week's assignment (December 15):

- * Read chapter 10 in the Leadership Training Manual (Eschatology)
- * Answer the questions on pages 162-164.

Wednesday Night Ministries Christmas Party! Come for pizza, fun & games at 6:30 pm

Worship Team meets at Ebenezer on Wednesday, Dec 11 at 7:30 pm at Ebenezer

Christmas Services at Leota Community Church

- * Children's Christmas Program – Today 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.

Sunday School News – There will be classes next Sunday (December 15) but no classes on December 22 & 29. Classes will resume on January 5.

Turn items for the **January Newsletter**, deadline is December 22.

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!

Circle #5 will be having a **Burger Feed** on December 19 from 5:00-7:30. The boys basketball team will be playing HBC at home, so come on out and enjoy a burger before the game, all while supporting SWC. A burger meal will include a burger and all the fixings, chips, homemade bar and a drink for \$8.00.

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.