

**LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**December 22, 2024**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle – Doug & Brenda Van Peursesem

\* Songs of Praise #131:1,2 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
#132:1-3 *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
#133:1,3 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Responsive Reading – “How Great Is Our God” (Psalm 66)

Congregational Prayer

\* Hymn of Preparation #141:1,3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\* Offertory Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: **Luke 2:21-40**

Message: **Approaching Christmas with Hope**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Application #116:1 *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

\* Closing Words

\* Closing Song #116:3,4 *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

\* Postlude

**Sunday Evening Candle Light Service – Pastor Stephen Wynja**

Scripture: **Isaiah 35**

Message: **Joy to the World**

**Offering Ebenezer:** General Fund/Atlas **Christmas:** ½ SWCH; ½ World Renew

**Next Sunday:** General Fund/Talking Bibles

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

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE**

TODAY	11:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Candlelight Service
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Christmas Worship Service at Bethel
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	No Sunday School Classes
	9:30 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Congratulations to **Marlene Hofkamp** who celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 27th and to **Janice Koedam** who celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** to everyone who prayed and sent well wishes and food. Chuck's surgery went well and he is recovering well.  
Chuck & DeDe

We want to **thank** everyone for the prayers, phone calls, texts, cards, food and visits. Also to Todd and Pastor Scott for their calls and visits. We are blessed to have a supportive church and community.  
Vernon & Arlis

**Thank you** for all the prayers, cards, food shared and memories after the loss of our dad.  
Tom and Sharon Giese

With grateful hearts we **thank you** for blessing us with visits, cards, food and especially prayers in the loss of our dear mother, Betty Engeltjes. May God bless you for your kindness. Doug & Brenda Van Peurseem & family, Gene & Laura Van Peurseem & family, Jamie & Sandra Rieck & family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome and Merry Christmas!** We are so glad you have chosen to celebrate Jesus' birth with us today! May the peace of Christ be with you during this time of year.

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

### UpComing Services at Leota Community Church

- \* Ordination & Installation of Elder & Deacon – Sunday, January 5 at the morning worship.
- \* Sunday School Classes resume on January 5.
- \* Next Church Board Meeting – Monday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. (Ebenezer)
- \* The Wednesday Evening Activities will resume on January 8.

Please hand in items for the **January Newsletter**. Deadline is today, December 22.

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