

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH

January 5, 2025

**WE APPROACH OUR GOD**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

\* Songs of Praise #29

*Glorify Thy Name*

#30

*How Majestic Is Your Name*

#31

*Great Is the Lord*

Recognition of Retiring Elders/Deacons

Ordination/Installation of Elder/Deacon

\* Hymn of Preparation - #277:1,2,4

*The Church's One Foundation*

\* Offertory Prayer

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: **Zechariah 4**

Message: **God Empowers**

Prayer of Application

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Closing Words

\* Closing Song - #247

*Spirit of the Living God* (twice)

\* Postlude

**Offering Ebenezer:** Gen Fund/Building Fund **Next Sunday:** Gen Fund/The Banquet

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

**Evening Service – Pastor Mark Groen**

**Message:**

**Scripture:**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE**

TODAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes & Elders Preparation Time
	9:30 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Church Board Meeting (at Ebenezer)
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Church Board Meeting (at Ebenezer)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Ministries
	6:30 PM	Cadets meet at Bethel CRC
	7:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes & Elders Preparation Time
	9:30 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Pastor Search Team Meeting (Fireside Room)
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES**

Congratulations to **Bud Hofkamp** who celebrates his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday January 7.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome!** We are privileged to have you worship with us on this first Sunday of 2025. May you receive a rich blessing worshipping God this hour!

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

**Thank You** to the men who served as elders or deacons for the past three years: Lon Anker, Colin Feikema, Loren Gunnink, Dave Kuik, Bill Sandbulte and Todd Vis. These men's support, effort and time have helped the two churches join together to soon become Leota Community Church. Thanks again!

**Ordination and Installation of New Elder and Deacon:** Randy Landhuis will be installed to serve as an elder for the next three years and Jess DeKam will be ordained and installed as a deacon for the next three years.

**The Pastor Search Team** will meet next Sunday, after the morning worship service, to be updated on the search process for the next pastor.

**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

**Women's Bible Study** – Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Study session 2, beginning on page 49. Lonna is the leader

Our congregation has once again committed to serving a meal at **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls on Monday, January 20. With your help we would like to represent Jesus' love to us through our community and congregation by being His hands and feet! There is a bucket in the foyer for any monetary donations that you are willing to help us with. We'll need about 6-8 people to prepare the meal. We also need about 30 people to come and join us in serving these guests. There is a sign-up sheet in both churches. Those preparing the meal will meet at Bethel at 12:45. All others meet at church at 4:00 p.m. We would **love** to encourage families to join us in interacting with, in being a witness and in sharing the love of God with those in need. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

**Foster Care System in Sioux Falls** - Do you have any luggage/travel bags that you no longer use and would like to donate? Many times when children enter the Foster Care System they have to use garbage, grocery or paper bags for their clothing & personal items when moving from home to home. The Foster Care System tries to provide a better option for the children. With your donation the children will have a more durable & personal option for their items. If you have something to donate, make sure all the latches/zippers work and bring it to church by Thursday January 16. I will take them to Sioux Falls and deliver them to the Foster Care System. At Bethel, place them by the bulletin board by the coat racks. At Ebenezer, place them by the bulletin board by the restroom in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Van Der Linden.

Advance Dates: January 26 Cadet Sunday Evening Service at Bethel CRC

**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.**