

LEOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH
April 13, 2025
WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

* Songs of Praise

Jesus Messiah
Speak, O Lord
Still, My Soul, Be Still

Missionary Time with Brian Bruxvoort

The Congregational Prayer

* Hymn

#97 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-13

Message: Palm Sunday: The Gateway to the Cross

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Application

#175:1-4 Man of Sorrows – What a Name

* Closing Words

* Closing Song

#175:5 Man of Sorrows – What a Name

* Postlude

Evening Service – Pastor Wynja Message: The Worst Mistake Ever! Scripture: Mark 12:18-27

Offering Ebenezer: General Fund/New Life Treatment **Next Sunday:** Gen Fund/Edgerton Food Shelf

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE

TODAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults
	9:30 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:10 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	2:30 PM	Annual Music Festival at First CRC, Edgerton
	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service (Bethel)
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Easter Potluck Breakfast (Ebenezer)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

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

Welcome Brian Bruxvoort and family to our service this morning. Brian serves as a missionary at Soldotna, Alaska. He will be sharing his ministry during the service and be available to talk with you during the Fellowship Time.

Rev. Dan Haggar will be leading us in worship this morning. It is good to have Dan back with us!

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

A sincere **thank you** for all the prayers, cards, food, help, and visits given to us after my recent hip surgery. It was appreciated very much. -- Rod DeBoer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services

- * Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 13
- * Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethel's sanctuary
- * Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 20 (Ebenezer)
- * Easter Morning Worship Service – Sunday, April 20

Please join us next Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. for our **Easter morning potluck breakfast**. Drinks and tableware provided. We will also decorate the cross at the beginning of our worship service. **Please bring flowers.**

Work group number 2 - we are up for the month of May! **Sunday, April 20th**, we would like everyone to meet after the morning service in the sanctuary. Please bring your calendars as we need people to sign up to serve coffee and refreshments. If you have never done it in the past, please consider one of the May Sundays. Thank you, Kari and DeeDee

Please turn in items for the May Newsletter. Deadline is Easter Sunday, April 20.

Sunday School for Children/Youth – Today is the last Sunday of classes. The classes will start again next fall. A big thank you to Heidi Tschetter for being in charge, in addition to Whitney Blom and Ron Christians for teaching!

Wednesday Night Ministries have ended for the season. The ministry will resume in the fall. Thanks to all those people who ministered to the children/youth and adults. Also thank you to the service groups who served the meals. Praise God for a great year of ministry!

A Letter to the Congregation – Check your church box for a letter from the Church Board explaining the procedure being used for people to join the membership of Leota Community Church on Sunday, May 18.

Leota Community Church Bylaws – Church bylaws for the new church have been approved by the Church Board outlining how Leota Community Church will function efficiently as a ministry for the future years. Copies are available in the lobby of both churches. You may also read the bylaws in Leota Community Church website: leotacommunitychurch.org. An informational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, after the morning worship to answer questions or clarify any item that needs further explanation.

Upcoming Events

- * Informational Meeting regarding the Church Bylaws – **Sunday, April 27** after the morning worship service.
- * GEMS Sunday & Fundraiser - **Sunday, May 4**
- * Celebration Sunday – We will celebrate the organization of Leota Community Church at the Sunday morning worship service on **May 18**. A special worship service will be held at Ebenezer (10:00 a.m.) followed by a catered meal at Bethel (noon). Save the date. Plan to attend! More details later.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the **Annual Music Festival** at First CRC of Edgerton this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Southwest Christian's choirs, along with individual and choral groups from area churches, will present selections during this afternoon of praise. Members of the audience will be invited to join the mass choir for the Hallelujah Chorus. An offering will be collected for Southwest Christian High School (sponsored as a fundraiser by Circle #12).

First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton will be hosting a community **Easter Sunrise Service** on Easter Morning, April 20, beginning at 7:00 a.m. We invite our area church congregations along with visiting family and friends to join us! Following the service, a breakfast will be served in the church's fellowship hall. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Advance Date: April 23 **Cadet Pancake Supper** at SWC Elementary Campus.

You are invited to the **Alpha Center Annual Dinner**, Friday, April 25 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Welcome Reception at 6:15pm. Dinner & program at 7:00pm. Dinner is complementary. Due to limited seating, registration is required. To register: visit alphacenterfriends.com/dinner or call 605-361-3500 or email info@alphacenter.org.

The **ATLAS for Life Always Growing Greenhouse** will be opening soon! Come enjoy the beauty of God's beautiful handiwork as you look forward to filling those planters and gardens. A great gift idea – an Always Growing Greenhouse gift certificate! Look for the opening date for the greenhouse on the grounds of Hubers Automotive – 105 8th Ave. (next to 8th Ave. Diner and across from Luann's Gas).

An open house bridal shower for **Kayla Schelhaas**, bride-to-be of Richard Syltje will be held April 26 at 11:00 am in Leota at the Bethel Church fellowship hall. Hosted by relatives of the couple. They are registered on Amazon. Please bring a favorite recipe to share with Kayla and Rich.

Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN needs you! We are in need of more adult volunteers. We can use help in all areas, but we specifically need male adult guides who spend the week one-on-one with a camper, and helpers for crafts & photography (must be at least 16 years old). Check our Facebook page - Royal Family Kids Camp SWMN to find an application, or talk to a director (Shellie Eisma, Nicole Fey, Morgan Schoonhoven or Erin Van Hulzen). THANK YOU for your prayers, monetary support, and encouragement for this mission!

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