

Leota Community Church

January 11, 2026

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

A Time of Preparation for Worship

* Songs of Praise

Days of Elijah

He Will Hold Me Fast

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

* Invocation

Ministry in Music – Waldner Girls

Amazing Grace

Congregational Prayer

* Song - #345

Blessed Assurance

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **Luke 5:17-26**

Message: **Who Has the Authority to Forgive?**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Application - #342:1-3

Just As I Am

* Closing Words

* Closing Song - #342:5

Just As I Am

* Postlude

Offering Today: General/EPC Disaster Relief **Next Sunday:** General/SWCH

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

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.

Congratulations to **Elaine Mouw** who celebrates her 85th birthday on January 15th and to **John Bouw** who celebrates his 83rd birthday on January 18th.

To celebrate **Elaine Mouw's 85th birthday**, her family will be serving cupcakes next Sunday, January 18, following the worship service. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE

TODAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School for Youth & Adults
	9:15 AM	Prayer Gathering
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:15 AM	Outreach Gather (Fireside Room)
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
	6:30 PM	Community Meal & Wednesday Night Ministries
	6:30 PM	Cadets meet at Bethel CRC
NEXT SUNDAY	7:15 PM	Women's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for Youth & Adults
	9:00 AM	Prayer Gathering

10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
11:15 AM Fellowship Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Gathering – after the morning worship service in the Fireside Room. If you interested in having Leota Community Church grow in membership join us to come up with ideas of how to make it possible!

2026 Church Directory – There is a copy of the directory in the lobby of each church. Please look over your information to make sure everything is correct. Make any necessary changes or write OK if everything is correct. Please do this by January 25. Thanks!

From Last Monday's Session Meeting:

Executive Board

- * Moderator – Pastor Mike
- * Vice President – Ivan DeJong
- * Clerk – Mike Schuller
- * Chair of the Serving Ruling Elders (Deacons) – Ivan Gunnink
- * Treasurer – Jess DeKam

Areas of Responsibilities

- * Worship – Doug Van Peurse, Ivan DeJong
- * Education – Ivan Schelhaas
- * Service/Fellowship – Jerry Beckering
- * Outreach – Jim Rozeboom
- * Finances – Jess DeKam, Brian Tschetter
- * Mission – Verlyn DeKam, Loren DeGroot
- * Building & Grounds – Dave Hamm, Ivan Gunnink

SW MN Pro-Life is once again sponsoring a motorcoach to our State Capital on Thursday, January 22 for the March for Life. Over 14,000 babies were murdered in MN alone last year. God asks us to pray and take a stand!! Would you join us and make your presence known by walking peacefully in front of the capital and joining 1000's of others? A very generous anonymous donor that is unable to attend is helping to cover alot of the cost for you to go and stand for LIFE!! Would you call or text Deb at 507-227-0796 or email debkenya@yahoo.com. Please reach out today. If you can't go, would you join us in praying for this day of remembrance?

ATLAS for Life is thinking about Christmas. If you are putting Christmas decorations, dishes, or other Christmas items away and thought about donating some of them, we would love to receive your donation for our annual Christmas Rummage and Boutique in November. Please contact the ATLAS office (507-562-5777) or drop off at the ATLAS office (101 2nd St. NE - Pipestone) on either Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00am-4:00pm.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

There will be a **Red Cross blood drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Monday, January 26 from 12:30 until 6:30. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or

confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Only 3% of Americans donate blood. Our goal for this drive is to collect 65+ units of blood for someone/somewhere. Anyone 16 yrs old (with parental consent) and older and in good health are able to donate.

Opportunities to support SWCH:

January 13th – **Carnegie Choir trip Hamburger/Hotdog meal** during the girls basketball game against HBC. Serving from 5:00 -7:30.

January 19th – **Circle #10 Hamburger/Hotdog meal** during the girls and boys double header basketball games against Pipestone. Serving from 5:00 – 7:30.

Celebrating 75 years of Excellence at Southwest Christian High School:

SWC High School will be celebrating 75 years of education during Homecoming Week, January 26–31, 2026!

We are excited to honor the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016 as part of this milestone celebration at Saturday's game, January 31.

During the girls' and boys' home basketball games, several special events will be taking place, including junior class trip fundraiser meals, an alumni knockout competition, a pep band with alumni joining in (both Friday and Saturday evening), and a memory table highlighting moments from the past 75 years.

We would love for you to come celebrate with us and be part of this special week!

Advance dates:

January 25 Cadet Sunday at First CRC Evening Service

February 3 – Potluck meal at Edgebrook

February 16 – Serve meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls

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