

Leota Community Church
February 22, 2026

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Royal Kids Family Camp

Call to Worship

A Time of Preparation for Worship

Invocation

* Songs of Praise -

King of Kings

Living Hope

Your Name

The Apostles' Creed

Congregational Prayer

* Song

Ancient Words

* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **Luke 8:4-15**

Message: **Responding to the Gospel Message**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Benediction

* Song of Application #270

Wonderful Words of Life

* Postlude

Offering Today: General/SWCH

Next Sunday: General/New Roots Ministry

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are with us today as we worship the Lord together in the House of God!

Thank you for the kind words and cards received after our Mom passed – Tom & Sharon Giesse

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday after the morning worship service.

Choir meets today but not next week March 1 since there is an outreach meeting.

Items for the **March Newsletter** are due TODAY!

The EPC is offering a zoom conference entitled "**Hiding in Plain Sight**" that will give simple practical pathways moving from neighbor to friend to family on February 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Sunday Service Opportunities – below are ways you can serve to endure a successful outreach event for our ministry. Contact the person listed for each ministry if you would like to help. Thanks!

Parking Lot Greeters – Todd Vis

Greeters – at the doors or roaming the lobbies to direct people where to go –
Denny Vis

Person at South Campus Parking Lot – to inform our guests that the service is
across the street – Ivan Schelhaas

Ushers – pass out bulletins, seat people when the service begins – Wayne
Landhuis

Welcome Table – give gifts to our guests and answer any questions

Pray for our church members as they invite their guest – Garvin Vis

Let Us Pray for You! The people who gather to pray each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. are eager to pray for you as you approach the person you are going to invite to our Friendship Sunday Service. Fill out a **prayer card** (write down your name and the person you intend to invite) and drop it in the box located in the lobby. The group will pray for you on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. You are also invited to join the group for prayer on Sunday mornings.

SWC Kindergarten Round Up! Is held on Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. Come, join us and learn more about what SWC can offer you and your family as we explore and discover God's world! Call the SWC Elementary campus at 507.442.6181 or email elementary@swcschools.org

Advance Dates:

March 7 – Cadet Sioux Valley Council Snow Derby at Big Sioux Rec Area near Sioux Falls

March 11 – Prayer Service for Crops & Industry

March 22 – Friendship Sunday

A Night of Song and Sweets: Pre-Carnegie Hall Performance: Join us on Monday, March 2, at 8:00 pm in the SWC High School Gymnasium for **A Night of Song and Sweets**, a pre-Carnegie Hall Performance of *Illuminare*. This 30-minute piece will be performed by the SWC Chamber Choir members in anticipation of their trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City.

There are two seating and dessert options for this event:

1. A \$10 ticket for a comfortable spot at a table with a plated dessert
2. Free seating in the back chairs with a bar dessert

Table seats are limited, call Daci at 507-442-4471 to reserve your spot.

This is the final fundraiser for the trip. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door. We hope you can join us!

SWC 7th-12th grade drama lovers are working hard on this year's musical, **Singin' in the Rain Jr.** A musical coming to a gym near you on March 26, 27, and 28 at 7:00 pm in SWC Elementary's gymnasium. Tickets will go on sale March 9!

Singin' in the Rain JR. is a fun, family-friendly musical set in 1920s Hollywood as movies switch from silent films to "talkies." When a starlet's voice threatens a big film, aspiring actress Kathy Selden (Hannah Masselink) secretly helps save the show — and captures the heart of leading man Don Lockwood (Jonah Uilk). Full of comedy, romance, and classic songs, it's a celebration of hidden talent and movie magic!

AN EARTHLY MISSION WITH AN ETERNAL GOAL – Royal Family Kids Camp is a mission formed right here in our community for kids in SW MN in the foster care system. RFKC is focused on providing foster kids with a fun camp where they can experience Jesus' love in a safe environment while building lasting relationships. You'll find a flyer in mailboxes with information on ways people of all ages and abilities can get involved! This year's overnight camp will be held locally June 1-4, 2026. Please consider joining this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with some pretty special kids! If you have any questions, you can email us at swmnrnk@gmail.com. Join us in making moments that matter for the foster kids in our area.

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