Leota Community Church
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship: Revelation 1:12-16
* Songs of Praise: #1 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
#306 *Jesus Saves!*
Invocation: John 15:12-14
Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Special Music: Doug & Tori Van Peursem *Made for More*
* Song #56 *Day by Day*
* Offertory Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message
Scripture: **Matthew 10:26-31**
Sermon: **VIP**
Prayer
* Hymn of Application #579 *Jesus Loves Me*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
* Closing Song #624 *Doxology*
*Postlude

Offering Today: General/Helping Hands **Next Sunday:** General/EPC World Outreach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to **Jack Gray** as he leads us in worship this morning. We pray for God's blessing as we worship together.

Pastor Michael is in need of a vehicle, preferably around 5-8 years old and a Hybrid SUV. If anyone has any leads please let him know. Thanks.

Worship Committee Meeting Wednesday Sept 9, at 7:30, north campus

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 am at the north campus. (All classes will meet in the basement. Rooms will be labeled.)

Starting next Sunday, Sept. 13 the prayer meeting room will be moved across the hallway from its current location. The new high school class will meet in the room where the prayer room has been meeting. Both rooms will be labeled next week. Thank you for your flexibility! We are excited for the growth that calls for the use of more of our classrooms!

Come and enjoy delicious, all you can eat, pancakes at the SWCH **ELEMENTARY** School Cafeteria on Labor Day, (High school cafeteria is under construction), September 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Also included at the breakfast is sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Freewill donation. Sponsored by SWCH Circle #2.

Future Date: Sunday, September 13 is Pastor Michael and Joanne's first service with us and it is also the beginning of Sunday school. To make it a little more special, we are going to do **Congregation Cupcake Kickoff!** We are asking the Congregation to bring cupcakes for fellowship after the service. BUT, we would like you to bring only 6 cupcakes 🧁! We don't care what kind, where you get them, or if you bake them yourself! Just bring 6 to share! We plan to serve the cupcakes that are left for dessert at the Wed night meal. Thank you: Service Group 3

How did the world originate? Did God create all things in 6, 24 hour days, or did He oversee an evolutionary process that took billions of years? Does it matter what we believe? Come to Edgerton PRC on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 pm to hear Pastor Matt De Boer answer these questions using the Word of God.

The **9th Annual SWC Tractor Ride** is just around the corner on Sept 12. The route begins at the Edgerton City Park. Rolls and coffee will be available beginning at 8 am. Be ready to ride at 9:30. The noon meal will be served at the Leota City Park. Back in Edgerton, tours will be available at both campuses of SWC. With questions/register, call Kendra Kuipers: 507-227-0488

There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton on Thursday, September 17 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please call Betty at 507-227-8416 or fbhuisken@gmail.com to make or confirm an appointment. There is a constant need for blood. Every 2 seconds someone/somewhere in the U.S.A. needs blood. Anyone 16 yrs (with parental consent) or older and in good health is eligible to donate a unit or two of blood for someone/somewhere.

Cadets:

Sept 9 6:30 Orientation Meeting for new 4th grade Cadets and a parent at Bethel CRC
Sept 9 7:30 Edgerton Cadet Counselor Planning Meeting at Bethel CRC

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH & SERVICE

TODAY	9:15 AM	Prayer Gathering	NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service		9:15 AM	Prayer Gathering
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time		10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
				11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
				6:30 PM	Evening Worship Service
			WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Community Meal & Wednesday Night Ministries

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

The journey of grief is different for everyone, and you don't have to walk that journey alone. You are welcome to join the **Pipestone ATLAS for Life Grief Share support group** on Thursdays from 1:15-3:00 p.m. starting September 17 through November 19. Find comfort, practical coping steps, and a caring Christian community through video lessons and discussion to help you move through the grief process and gain solid support each step of the way. Please call the ATLAS office at 507-562-5777 to sign up for this session or for more information.

Two special events: **Bible League Dinner** on Monday, September 14 at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center for an evening of joy.

Adults and teens are invited to the **Bible League Conference – *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil,*** on September 15 at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center. Keynote speaker, Gayle Haas will lead our sessions as Corrie Ten Boom. The realities of WWII will come to life and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Worship will be led by Jennifer Frens and Bible League leaders will share powerful ministry updates.

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling Training Course
Be better equipped to counsel and encourage with God's Word. The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) is now enrolling students for their Basic Training Course which begins September 2026 and ends April 2027. This class equips the enrollee with biblical principles for addressing the problems of life that Christians encounter and gives the attendee the reformed, biblical perspective on how to counteract these issues. This course will be taught at Cornerstone URC (Sanborn, Iowa) and Luverne CRC. The class will meet once a month in person to discuss materials that students have independently watched and read. Topics include Biblical and theological principles for counseling, methods of counseling, and instruction on various counseling topics (pornography, anger, marriage, depression, etc.). More information can be found on the IRBC website (reformedcounseling.org) about the course, locations, the cost, and how to enroll. Registration will end in mid-August.

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