

April 25, 2021

Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

Prelude and Announcements

Come, Let us Worship the Lord!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Hymn – SP #31 “As The Deer”

*God’s Greeting

*Hymn – PH #412:1,3,4 “I Love to Tell the Story”

We Observe GEMS Sunday

GEMS Theme Reading

Ministry of Music – “You Say”

Hymn -- SP #81 “Jesus is All the World To Me”

We Worship Through Prayer

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

*Hymn – PH #436 “What a Friend We have in Jesus”

Scripture: John 15:15

Sermon: “Servants Called Friends”

Prayer

We Depart to Serve in God’s Kingdom

*Hymn – Celebration Hymnal #712:1,3 “Be Still My Soul”

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Praise – SP #59 “He is Lord”

*Postlude

If you are visiting, looking for a church home, or have a prayer request, please fill out the card in the pew and deposit it in the offering plate.

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Evening Worship

6:30

p.m.

Prelude and Announcements

Come, Let us Bow Down in Worship

Call to Worship

*Hymn – SP #90 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*God’s Greeting

Let Us Kneel Before the Lord our Maker

*The Nicene Creed

*Hymn – PH #446 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Congregational Prayer

For He is our God

*Hymn – PH #386 “How Vast the Benefits Divine”

Scripture: Romans 6; LD 16b

Sermon: “Counting MORE Blessings in Christ”

Prayer

We are the Flock Under His Care

*Hymn – PH #7 “On the Good and Faithful”

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology – PH #301:4 “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

*Postlude

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Accompanist

Today: Arla Feikema

Next Sunday: Phyllis Vos

Sound System

Today: Shawn Feikema

Next Sunday: Tim Van Bruggen

Library

Today: Open

Next Sunday: Open

Offerings

Today: A.M. – GEMS

P.M. – Center of Hope

Next Sunday: A.M. – LCSS

P.M. – Tuition Need

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Arlan & Sue Henstra

Next Week: Greg & Marg Kuiper

Week's Events

**We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for
worship today!**

Today: 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship Service**
10:50 a.m. **Church Education Classes**
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**
5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
6:30 p.m. **GEMS/Cadets**
Snack: Sophia Westra & Avery Zweep

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**

Upcoming Events

- **GEMS Mother/Daughter/Grandma night** will be on Wednesday, May 5 at 6 p.m.
- **SWC Schools upcoming events:**
 - Thursday, April 29:** Elementary Fine Arts Day
 - Wednesday, May 5:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*
 - Thursday, May 6:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*
 - Friday, May 7:** K-4 Music Program
 - Friday, May 7:** SWC Track & Field Day
 - Friday, May 7:** SWC Junior Car Wash
 - Friday, May 7:** SWC High School Circle/Parent Group Bake Sale and Pre-order meal pick up
 - Saturday, May 8:** High School Play – *Choose Your Own Oz*
 - Monday, May 10:** Elementary 5-8 Music Program
 - Wednesday, May 12:** Junior High Track Meet at Dordt
 - Monday, May 17:** High School Spring Music Program
 - Friday, May 28:** High School Graduation
- **The SWC High School Drama Department** will be performing *Choose Your Own Oz* on Thursday, May 6 and Saturday, May 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary campus gymnasium – 210 W. Elizabeth. This fun performance by a talented group of students will be LIVE Streamed by Christensen broadcasting or you may purchase tickets by calling the high school office (442-4471) and picking them up at the will call/ticket table the evening of the performance. The cost for adults is \$6.00 and \$4.00 for students. Please join us for an enjoyable evening with the characters of Dorothy, Toto, Auntie Em, Uncle Henry, Glinda, the Munchkins, the Scarecrow, Flying Monkeys, Tinker (Tin Woman), the Lion, and other favorite Oz characters and cast members.
- **The SWC Class of 2022 will be hosting a car wash** (weather permitting) on Friday, May 7 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the high school campus - 550 Elizabeth St. The funds raised will be used toward their Senior Class trip costs to Washington DC. This will be a freewill donation event with suggested donations of \$10.00 for cars, \$15.00 for pickups, and \$5.00 for vacuum. Larger contributions for a dirt loving vehicle or "busy family lifestyle in the car" vehicles would be greatly appreciated. The Class of 2022 thanks you in advance for your generous contributions and support.

Announcements

- **Welcome to all** who gather with us in worship! Today we offer a special welcome to our GEMS leaders and girls as we observe GEMS Sunday. Thank you for the reading, song, etc., that you share with us this morning.
- **Thank you** to Jayda Dilly for the prelude before the AM Service.
- **Offerings** may be left in offering plates by the doors of the sanctuary.
- **Pastoral Note:** I plan to take the coming week as a time of vacation, so next Sunday we will welcome Pastor Dan De Groot (AM) and Pastor Steve Breen (PM) to lead us in worship.

- **Schedule** to read through the Bible in a year. www.fivedaybiblereading.com **Week 17**
 - 1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8
 - 1 Sam 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9
 - 1 Sam 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10
 - 1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chronicles 1; Ps 39; Acts 11
 - 1 Sam 17; 1 Chronicles 2; Acts 12
- **Help Wanted.** Council is accepting applications for the task of Bulletin Secretary. For more information or to apply you may contact Eric Haan or Jeff De Witt.
- **Last call on your information for new church directory.** Please fill out your info sheets if you haven't and place in box on table in the fellowship hall. If you need a new sheet I will have some laying by box there. Also you can call Don Bork at 507-350-9116 and give me the info by phone if you wish.
- **Graduates...** Those of you who are graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade or College, please sign the sheet in the back with your information. Those of you who are seniors, could you please email me a picture of your senior to office@luvernecrc.com. Thanks!
- **LCSS would like to thank Art Menning** for the 10 years of bus driving to ensure that our kids got to school. We would also like to encourage any families or past families that would like to color him a picture and write him a "Thank You" note, His address is 100 E. 1st Street W, Edgerton, MN 56128.
- **Advance date for the Luverne Christian School Society meeting** is June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We would strongly encourage all parents of kids riding the bus to attend!
- **Friday, April 30:** On Friday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. the Dordt University Wind Symphony, Campus Band, and Chamber Orchestra will present their final concert of the semester. The Campus Band will perform a consortium premiere of Jeff Herwig's *Nightmare*. This work was written for wind band and pre-recorded electronics and the DU Campus Band was one of only 10 commissioning ensembles. The Chamber Orchestra will highlight one of their own as bassist Cameron Steenhoek takes the stage to perform Henry Eccles's *Sonata for Bass and String Orchestra*. Finally the Wind Symphony will close the concert with David Maslanka's monumental *Symphony No. 4*. Joining the Wind Symphony for performance of the Maslanka is Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Organ and Keyboard Studies at Dordt. All of the instrumental ensembles are under the direction of Dr. Onsby C. Rose, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Ensembles. The concert is open to the public but will be ticketed due to reduced capacity.

- **Saturday, May 1:** On Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. the Dordt University Choral Department will present their final concert of the year. This performance will include Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale (85-voice mixed choir), and Concert Choir (53-voice advanced mixed choir). This concert will point the listener to the hope we have because of the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ. The repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to new works. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold; all other ensembles are conducted by Ryan Smit. The concert is open to the public but will be ticketed due to reduced capacity. Please contact the Music Office at 712-722-6222 or anna.bartlett@dordt.edu to reserve tickets. The concert will also be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686>. Masks are required for all those attending and there will be a section designated for those who wish to maintain social distancing.
- **HELP WANTED • VOLUNTEER MENTOR/PROOFREADER**
Bible League International has an opportunity for a Volunteer Mentor to coach Bible League Communication Specialists who know English as their second language (ESL). The ESL Mentor will proofread testimonies and prayer requests written by Communication Specialists searching for spelling and grammar mistakes, explaining needed changes. If you are interested, contact Deanna 866-825-4636 • DVanSwol@bibleleague.org

Council Room Notes

– from meeting of April 19, 2021. All present.

- Pastor Sparks opened with Scripture and prayer.
- Minutes from the special congregational meeting held March 31 were approved.
- Minutes from the March, 2021 meeting of Classis Minnkota were reviewed. If anyone would like to see the minutes they are available on our church website homepage: www.luvernecrc.com.
- At their request, Council recently transferred the memberships of Nick and Annie Bork and family to the American Reformed Church, Luverne. May God bless and make them a blessing in their new church home.
- We will observe Ascension Day this year in the PM worship service of May 9, DV, which will be led by pulpit supply, Rev. Tim Ouwinga.
- Council approved a proposal from the Maintenance and Sound System Committees to redo the Sound System cabinet by reconfiguring it on a raised platform. This will require moving a pew (or two) to create a walkway in front of the present desk. It will provide (1) better visibility for those running sound/PowerPoint and (2) make it possible for the needed cables/cords for AV upgrades to be safely installed. This will add approximately \$5,000 to the estimated costs. Speak to any Council member if you have questions.
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, at 7 PM. Brian Fick closed with prayer.