

Our Mission is ...

to know Christ, to grow in Christ, to serve Christ,  
and to share Christ, all to God's glory.



## ***Luverne Christian Reformed Church***

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Announcements Deadline -Thursday at Noon

### **Worship Services**

Sunday Morning, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 6:30 p.m.

### ***Our Missionaries***

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**December 11, 2022**

## **Morning Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **We Gather in Peace & Expectation**

Scripture Meditation – John 1:11–12

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace – (Alan & Becky Pilacynski)

Advent Responsive Reading – adapted from Isaiah 9:6

### **God Calls Us**

Call to Worship – Zechariah 9:9, 10, & 17

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn – PH #339(vs.1–3) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

\* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting – Philippians 1:2

\* Hymn – SP #113(vs.1–4) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

### **God Guides Us**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory/Offering for Luke Society

\*Hymn – PH #448(vs.1–3) “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Scripture Reading – Malachi 3:13–4:6 (page 1490 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – “*Rekindling Hope: God Remembers*”

I. A Transactional Error (3:13–14)

II. A Secure Relationship (3:16–18)

III. A Future Judgment (4:1–3)

IV. A Present Reminder (4:4–6)

Prayer of Application

### **God Communes with Us**

Form for the Lord’s Supper

The Bread – LUYH #821(vs.1–4) “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

The Cup – PH #228(vs. 1, 3, 4, & 7) “I Love the Lord, the Fount of Life”

The Thanksgiving – Offering for Benevolence

Hymn (during offering) – LUYH #104(vs.1–3) “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

### **God Sends Us**

\*God’s Blessing – Numbers 6:24–26

\*Closing Song – LUYH #91(vs.1 & 4) “God Reigns! Earth Rejoices”

\*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.*

# December 11, 2022

## Candlelight Service

6:30 p.m.

Scripture Meditation — John 1:9

Welcome & Greeting

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song – **“O Holy Night!”** SP #126(vs.1–3) (congregation)

Readings 1: “God Creates Light & Everything Good”

\*Song: **“God of Wonders”** LUYH #4(vs.1–2) (congregation)

Readings 2: “The Darkness of Sin Enters the World”

Song: **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”** PH #331(vs.1–3) (congregation)

Readings 3: “A Child of Light is Promised”

Song: “Light of the World” – 5th - 12th grade girls

Readings 4: “A Light Breaks Into the Darkness”

Songs: (PK–4th)

- Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

- Jesus Loves Me (Christmas Version)

- Away in a Manger SP #118(vs.1–3) (congregation join on verse 3)

Readings 5: “Wise Men Seek the Light”

\*Songs:

- **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** PH #340(vs.1–3)

(congregation)

- **“What Child is This?”** SP #127(vs.1–3) (congregation)

Readings 6: “The Light of Life”

\*Song: **“Joy to the World”** PH #337(vs.1–3) (congregation)

Reading 7: Sermon Text: John 8:12 (Pew Bible page 1662)

Message: “Jesus is the Light”

Prayer of Application

Song: **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”** SP #123(vs.1–3) (Congregation with PK–6)

God’s Blessing — Ephesians 5:8

Readings 8: “Let Our Lights Shine” (while lighting candles)

Closing Song: **“Silent Night”** PH #342(vs.1–3) (congregation)

Offering at back for: Hope for Life Church Plant (Watertown), Adam Ramirez

**December 11, 2022**

## **Greeters**

West Door

East Door

Today: Jeff & Lila De Witt  
Next Week: Stacy & Nicole Dilly

Dale & Darlene Dreessen  
Darla Faber

## **Accompanist**

Today: Phyllis Vos – organ  
Cathryn Feikema - violin  
Next Sunday: Darlene Dreessen

## **Sound System**

Today: Tim Van Bruggen  
Next Sunday: Eric Haan

## **Nursery**

Today: Jackie Feikema & Blake Haan  
Next Sunday: Addison Nibbelink & Raleigh Van Dyke

## **Offerings**

Today: A.M. – Luke Society  
Communion: A.M. – Benevolence  
P.M. – Hope For Life Church Plant (Watertown) Adam Ramirez  
Next Sunday: A.M. – The Shepherd's Way-counseling training service, Sioux Falls  
P.M. – Education Fund

## **Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning**

**Cleaning:** This Week: Brant & Stephanie Van Dyke  
Next Week: Jeff & Alanna Van Santen

## **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. **Sunday School Christmas Program Practice**  
6:30 p.m. **Candlelight Christmas Program**  
**Monday:** 6:30 p.m. **Friendship Christmas Party**  
**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break – Lesson 8**  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**  
5:30 p.m. **Sunday morning** Service broadcast on Vast  
6:30 p.m. **Gems/Cadets**  
12:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

## **Thank You**

- **Thank you.** The Luverne CRC Food Shelf Committee would like to thank you for putting your love and faith into action by giving to those in need. Your donations made an impact and a difference in many people's lives. Please like/follow Rock County Food Shelf Facebook page to keep up with the latest updates and needs. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40(NIV)
- **Thank you** from New Life Treatment Center for your generous gift. We are grateful to have your support of our ministry at New Life Treatment Center. What a wonderful time to give thanks and rejoice in all that God is doing through this ministry. Serving Him, Cheryl L. Thacker,
- **Thank you** to Cathryn Feikema for playing her violin during the service this morning.

## **Our Church Family**

- **Continued Prayers** for John & Mary Brands, Marg Vis, Vonda Nibbelink, Will Pap, and Carol Hoogland.

## **Announcements**

- **Welcome to all who gather with us in worship!** This morning we gather at the Lord's Table to commune with our Savior. Visitors: if you are professing members in good standing of a Bible-believing church you are welcome to take part in the Lord's Supper.
- **2023 Unfading Truth Bible Reading Plan.** Join your friends and family from our own church plus several other Reformed churches in a daily Bible reading plan in 2023 based on the Heidelberg Catechism. Join by texting 'truth' to 833-656-8399 or go to UnfadingTruth.org. Starts January 2!
- **A Pot-Luck Fellowship Meal** is scheduled for today Sunday, December 11, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share
- **Half price meals at Generations.** The Luverne CRC will be sponsoring ½ price meals at Generations on Monday, December 12, 2022. They are serving baked seasoned fish, potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, dessert, and milk. Please reserve your meal a day prior by leaving a message at 507-283-9846 Ext. 11.
- **Basketball and Burgers!** SWC boys basketball team will be playing Pipestone at home on Tuesday, December 13. SWC Circle #5 will be serving grilled burgers from 5-7:30 pm. Meal includes Grilled hamburger with all the fixings, chips, milk/water, and a homemade bar. Come on out for a great meal and enjoy watching the boys basketball team play Pipestone all while supporting SWC!

- **Southwest MN Christian Schools** invites you to celebrate with our students as we honor the birth of our Savior through song!(additional performance scheduled)
  - “Angels Aware” K-4 Program at the Elementary Gym: Monday, December 12th @ 9:30 am. Join the elementary students for a musical adventure as the angels share the special reason why God came to earth as a baby. Filled with Biblical truths the K-4 students will share a fun perspective as they tell the “story behind the story” of Christmas.
  - “O Come This Holy Night” Junior High/High School Concert at First Christian Reformed Church: Monday, December 19th at 1:15pm and 7:00 pm (please attend only one) The junior high and high school will help us remember the reason for the season through voice and instruments. The 6th - 8th band will be opening with a prelude starting 10 minutes before. The prelude will include lively arrangements of “Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Go Tell It on the Mountains.” The 9 - 12th grade band will be opening with a tender and lyrical arrangement of “O Holy Night” along with the energetic “Celtic Carol” that features some unique and exciting percussion. 5-12th grade men and 5-12th grade women will each present their own song and all the choirs from 5th - 12th grade will combine for an arrangement of “O Come All Ye Faithful” that was originally written for the One Voice Children’s Choir. Come hear classics new and old and praise God through song for the birth of His Son!
  - A Special Note: We are very excited to be holding our combined 5-12 Christmas concert at First CRC, Edgerton this year. The Christmas concert is always a much-anticipated event in our school community, and we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to see it. With that in mind we are offering two different opportunities to experience the JH/HS Christmas concert this year. Please only attend one performance and if the matinee time is an option for you we encourage you to consider attending in the afternoon. This should allow everyone the opportunity to see and hear “O Come This Holy Night.” Thank you for your help in making this a great worship experience for everyone. **SNOW DATE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: Wednesday, December 21**
- **Dordt Music Department.** Friday, December 16: On December 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, Dordt University’s 4th Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4th Avenue Band, presenting some selections from How the Grinch Stole Christmas and old favorites such as White Christmas and local composer Amy Linder’s jazzy setting of Deck the Halls. Please join us for a fun evening of music! The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

# From CRC Communications

- **Advent:** God's Joy - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). We know the words to the song well, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come..." But what exactly is the joy of Christmas all about? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.
- **Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
- **Groundwork:** Mary: The Angel Gabriel Foretells Jesus' Birth - Our understanding of the virgin birth begins with the story of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Luke 1:1-4, 26-56 to learn from Mary's strong example of faith, wholly trusting God and submitting to his will in our lives as we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- **Devotions for a Blue Christmas** - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you are not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at [todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas](http://todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas)
- **Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip** - During Advent, we light the candle of Joy. Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude. What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others? Wonder and talk about that this week. (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](http://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))
- **Community Flourishing Cohort** - Is your congregation interested in helping your neighborhood and community thrive? This year-long cohort held in partnership between World Renew US and Diaconal Ministries Canada will inspire and mobilize your congregation to love, listen to, and engage with your neighbors, neighborhoods, and local organizations as you seek to cultivate a place of flourishing. Learn and practice the basic principles of strengths-based community driven engagement and take steps to live them out in the congregation's neighborhood. Starts the evening of January 19 and then monthly on every third Thursday. For more information contact [jkoeman@worldrenew.net](mailto:jkoeman@worldrenew.net) or apply for the cohort at [worldrenew.net/events](http://worldrenew.net/events).
- **Deep Christmas Joy** - God gave us his Best Gift at Christmas, and Jesus tells us to give as we have so abundantly received. Your donation to the World Renew Gift Catalog will bring real joy to someone who is struggling to survive each day. Donate today at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.