

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

J.C. & Family
Missionaries to Asia
CRC Resonate Missions

Aguilar Palma
World Renew
Guatemala

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SD State Penitentiary
Sioux Falls

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December 4, 2022

Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

We Gather in Love & Expectation

Scripture Meditation – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath: The Candle of Love – (Tim & Cheryl Van Bruggen)

Advent Responsive Reading – adapted from Philippians 4:4-5

God Calls Us

Call to Worship – 1 Chronicles 16:25, 27–31

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – SP #115(vs.1–3) “Love Has Come!”

* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting – Zephaniah 3:17

* Hymn – “He Shall Reign Forevermore”

God Prepares Us

Preparatory for the Lord’s Supper, Responsive Reading

Hymn – “King of Kings”

God Guides Us

Congregational Prayer

Offertory/Offering for Education Fund

*Hymn of Preparation – LUYH#876(vs.1&3) “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Scripture Reading – Malachi 3:6–12 (page 1490 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – *“Rekindling Hope: A Reliable and Generous God”*

I. Safe Stability (3:6–7a)

II. Risky Robbery (3:7b–9)

III. Bountiful Blessings (3:10–12)

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response – PH# PH #135(vs.1–3) “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

God Sends Us

*God’s Blessing – Ephesians 3:16, 19

*Closing Adoration – LUYH #351 (vs.1 & 3) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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 4, 2022

Evening Worship

6:30 p.m.

Scripture Meditation – Colossians 3:23–24

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

God Greet Us

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer – Psalm 99:1–3

*Opening Praise – PH#194(vs.1–3) “Jehovah Reigns in Majesty”

*God’s Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

We Respond in Faith

*Apostles Creed – on the screen

* Hymn of Faith – SP #125(vs.1–4) “Once in Royal David’s City”

Prayers of God’s People

God Instructs Us

*Hymn of Preparation – PH#414(vs.1–3) “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 8:1-15 (page 1043 in pew Bibles)

Sermon: “*A Well-Ordered Life*”

- Intro: The Face of Wisdom (8:1)

I. Respect Authority (8:2–9)

II. Fear God (8:10–13)

III. Be Joyful (8:14–15)

Prayer of Application

*Hymn –SP#48(vs.1–3) “Blessed Assurance”

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Blessing – Psalm 115:12–15

*Closing Adoration – SP#121(vs. 1–2) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Postlude

(Offering for Calvinist Cadet Corps - put in offering plates at the door)

December 4, 2022

Greeters

West Door

East Door

Today: Cal Den Herder
Next Week: Jeff & Lila De Witt

Steven & Rachel Dekker
Dale & Darlene Dreessen

Accompanist

Today: Darla Timmer
Next Sunday: Phyllis Vos

Sound System

Today: Shawn Feikema
Next Sunday: Tim Van Bruggen

Nursery

Today: Keegan Hamm & Reese Swyter
Next Sunday: Jackie Feikema & Blake Haan

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Education Fund
P.M. – Calvinist Cadet Corps (Michigan)
Next Sunday: A.M. – Luke Society
Communion: A.M. – Benevolence
P.M. – Hope For Life Church Plant (Watertown) Adam Ramirez

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Tim & Cheryl Van Bruggen
Next Week: Brant & Stephanie Van Dyke

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/ Catechism**
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break – Lesson 7**
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**
5:30 p.m. **Sunday morning Service broadcast on Vast**
7:00 p.m. **Youth Group**
7:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study**
12:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**

Thank You

- **Thank you** from the Union Gospel Mission of Sioux Falls for your generous gift it provides shelter and a good meal for the homeless and hungry men and women. It also lets them know they are loved and brings hope. Love Out Loud, Eric Weber, CEO

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's service is preparatory to our celebration of the Lord's Supper, which is scheduled for next Sunday, December 11.
- **Report on annual congregational meeting.** Thank you to all who attended or participated by way of absentee ballots. The budget for 2022 was approved as presented by the Council, as was the proposal for special offerings/prayer support for mission causes. Once again, thank you to all office-bearer nominees for your willingness to serve among us. Elected were as follows: elders – Tim Van Bruggen, Ethan Mesman, John Top; deacons – Jeff Van Santen, Stacy Dilly.
- **Save the date!** Our annual Christmas program this year will be Sunday evening, Dec. 11. It will be a Candlelight service and all youth (from preschool through 12th grade) will be involved. We hope you can join us for a beautiful service celebrating the birth of Jesus--the Light of the World!
- **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!
- **LCSS TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please note that if you ever get a card with your order that has no funds loaded on it, please let me know as soon as possible! This does happen from time to time! Thanks! Cheri
- **A Pot-Luck Fellowship Meal** is scheduled for next 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.

- **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>.

- **The assisted living home, Oasis Care Home LLC.**, located in Luverne, Minnesota, has rooms available. Oasis Care Home LLC is a licensed assisted living with the state of Minnesota. Due to low patient to caregiver ratio we are able to take clients needing more care than a traditional larger assisted living facility. This allows us to accept clients that may not be good candidates for traditional assisted living facilities. The best way to find out if a client would be a candidate for our assisted living home would be to call and get more information. Misty Baker, Manager; Office: (507) 449-6157; Facebook: @OasisCareHomeMN; Website: www.OasisCareHomeMN.com

From CRC Communications

- **Advent: God Brings Peace** - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Look for ways you can be a peacemaker this Advent season. If you have any friends or family members who have not trusted Jesus, tell them about how he came to earth to bring peace between us and God. You can also find ways to make things easier, less worrisome, or less lonely for people in need. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.
- **Groundwork: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist: Preparing the Way for Jesus** - Just like we prepare for Christmas, God prepared the world for salvation. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 to witness how Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, prepare the way for Jesus' birth and allow their message to prepare our hearts again for Jesus' second coming. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- **Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip** - During Advent, we light the candle of Love. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)
- **God's Love at Christmas** - Share the warmth of God's love with a person living in poverty through your donation for World Renew's Gift Catalog this Christmas. Give a life-changing gift to a family that is facing hardship and hunger in the year ahead. Donate today at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.