

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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Cornerstone Prison Church
SD State Penitentiary
Sioux Falls

Adam Ramirez
CRC Home Missions
Pipstone Spanish Ministry

May 28, 2023

Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship Our Triune God

Scripture Meditation – Job 33:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

Call to Worship – 2 Corinthians 4:6

Opening Prayer

* Opening Praise – PH #393(vs.1–3) “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting – 2 Corinthians 13:14

* Hymn – SP #65 “There’s No God as Great”

God Renews Us

Call to Confession – 1 John 2:8–11

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 9:2, 6; John 1:4–5

God’s Will for Our Lives – 1 John 2:7–8

Ministry of Music: Haley Vis, “Leaning,” accompanied by Julie Vis

God Guides Us

Prayers of God’s People

Offertory/Offering for Royal Family Kids

*Hymn of Preparation – PH #206(vs.1, 2, 3, & 7) “My Soul, Bless the Lord!”

Scripture Reading – Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – *“The Foundations of the World: The Spirit of Life”*

I. Form & Function

II. Light & Life

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response – LUYH #746(vs.1 & 3) “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

God Sends Us

*God’s Blessing – Ephesians 3:16, 19

*Closing Adoration – PH #487(vs.1–2) “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

*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.

May 28, 2023

Evening Service

6:30 p.m.

We Gather to Worship Our Triune God

Scripture Meditation – 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

God Greets Us

Call to Worship(responsive) – Matthew 4:10; 2 Samuel 7:22

Opening Prayer

*Opening Praise – SP #1(vs.1–2) “We Have Come into His House”

*God’s Greeting – Galatians 1:3-5

We Respond in Faith

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*Hymn of Faith – SP #13(vs.1–3) “Father, I Adore You”

Prayers of God’s People

God Instructs Us

New Testament Reading: Galatians 6:1–10 (page 1816 in the pew Bibles)

*Hymn of Preparation – PH #189(vs.1, 3, 4, & 5) “Jehovah Reigns; Let Earth Be Glad”

Scripture: Micah 1:2–16 (page 1440 in pew Bibles)

Sermon: “*Micah’s Message to the World*”

I. Listen Up (1:2-7)

II. Lament This (1:8-9)

III. Look Around (1:10-16)

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response – PH #226(vs.1–4) “Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven”

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Blessing – 1 Kings 8:57–58

*Closing Adoration – SP #100 “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*Postlude

Offering at back for: The Shepherds Way

May 28, 2023

Greeters

West Door

East Door

Today: Brad & Janna Klarenbeek

Greg & Marg Kuiper

Next Sunday: Jake & Cheryl Moss

Shelly Nibbelink

Accompanist

Today: Phyllis Vos

Next Sunday: Darlene Dreessen

Sound System

Today: Tim Van Bruggen

Next Sunday: Eric Haan

Nursery

Today: Jenna Feikema & Aiden Hamm

Next Sunday: Kaydence van Dyke & Chloe Swyter

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Royal Family Kids

P.M. – The Shepherds Way

Next Sunday: A.M. – Education Fund

P.M. – Union Gospel Mission

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Brad & Janna Klarenbeek

Next Week: Greg & Marg Kuiper

Mowing: This Week: Rich & Vickie Hubbling

Next Week: Brad & Janna Klarenbeek

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**

6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**

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

Thursday: 12:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

Thank You

- **Thank you** to Haley Vis for providing the ministry of music during the service this morning.
- **Thank you** for your gift to the Center of Hope. Your contribution helps us to move forward in our effort to spread the gospel and meet people where they are at. Your generosity means the world to us! We will be effective stewards of your gift and will use it for His glory. In Christ, Brett Rockvam, Director.
- **Thank you** for your donation to the Luke Society. As we see the springtime growth around us, it is a reminder that those who are in Christ are a new creation. We're no longer dead to sin, but alive and called to bear fruit. That message is being shared around the world through the Luke Society as new Christians are coming to the faith each day. We thank the people of Luverne CRC for being part of the process of physical and spiritual health through your faithful gifts. May the Lord bless you as we continue to partner together for His kingdom. The Luke Society.

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!**
- **Council Notes:**
 - John Top opened with prayer and devotions from Proverbs 3:5–8
 - Pastor Joe reported on visits, preaching, plans, and teaching opportunities, highlighting Luverne High School's baccalaureate service on May 21.
 - Correspondence from The Shepherd's Way was received announcing Biblical Counseling classes offered this Fall. It was also noted that Inspiration Hills is seeking more funding to support summer college workers.
 - Faith Websites is getting bought out by Aware3 and is changing its offerings and fees. Eric and Pastor Joe will look into the church's website hosting options and come back with a recommendation.
 - Karly Steenholdt presented a Luverne CRC logo that could be used across church materials and social media. A motion was made and carried to start implementing the new logo.
 - The Committee reports were given, and Evangelism confirmed Dr. John Boateng would be available for a mission emphasis on Sunday, October 1. Music reported on the recent praise team and special music.
 - The pulpit supply schedule was received, noting changes from the last meeting for August; on June 25 PM & July 16 PM, Pastor Mike Altena; on

August 13 AM & PM, Pastor Steve Breen; on August 20 AM, Pastor Cal Hoogendoorn; August 20 PM, Thomas Soodsma; on September 17 PM, Adam Ramirez.

- Deacon and budget reports were distributed and discussed.
- In old business, minutes were distributed from the May Classis Meeting and discussed.
- In new business, council members will help cover the prayer line updates from June 3–10. A bulletin announcement will also serve as a reminder of building rental fees.
- Mutual censure was taken with positive results.
- The next council meeting will be Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7 pm. Jeff DeWitt closed with prayer.

- **Unfading Truth.** What will you experience the moment you die? Would it surprise you to know your time in heaven is limited and there's something even better after that? Will we get bored in eternity? Are you aware eternal life has already begun for you? Find out all this and more as we read the Bible together this week. Join us at UnfadingTruth.org.
- **The Shepherd's Way Sioux Falls (tSwSF)** will be hosting a Basic Training Class sponsored by the Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) this Fall. The class will begin in September 2023 and end in April 2024, meeting each Thursday evening with time off on holidays. Men and women of all ages (post-high) have taken the course, learning how to be better equipped to minister to suffering people with truth from God's Word. Many have spoken about how the course also challenged and grew them in their walk with Christ. tSwSF hopes to hold classes in both NW Iowa and Sioux Falls. Interested parties are asked to email Dr. Cookson at tswsfsd@gmail.com to reserve a space in the class. There is a letter and newsletter on the back table by the kitchen for those who would like a copy.
- **SWC Circle #11** invites you to their annual Memorial Day pancake breakfast on May 29 from 7:30 am - 10 am at the high school cafeteria. In addition to hot pancakes served right off the griddle, there will be sausages, juice, milk, and coffee. Free will donations gratefully accepted.
- **Southwest MN Christian High School will be conducting their annual Building Fund Drive through the end of May.** The drive is conducted annually to help maintain and complete needed repairs. We pray that you found the letter with the attached green envelope in your church mailbox last week. The need this year is to update the restrooms located by the high school gym. They are original to the building, both the boys' and girls' restrooms will be remodeled and updated with new tile, fixtures, and partitions and also meet compliance with ADA requirements for accessibility. The time has also come to where the mower/snowblower at the

elementary campus needs to be replaced due to the number of hours and anticipated maintenance repairs on it. We pray you will be part of the Lord's plan to fulfill this need. We thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to SWC Building Drive.

Advanced Announcement

- **SWC ADVANCE DATE:**

- June 14 Annual SWC Society Meeting 7:00

- **SWCS.** Another school year for Southwest MN Christian Schools has come to a close, the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father is evident and promised. We celebrate God's goodness and the many ways He has provided for SWC this past year. The SWC Annual Society Meeting will be held on June 14 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary Campus. The agenda and detailed information for the meeting can be found in the school's Spring Publication. We encourage all of our SWC family to come to the society meeting! If you are unable to attend but would like to vote, there will be absentee ballots available at both the Elementary and High School offices. Thank you for your continued support through prayer and words of encouragement as we work to fulfill the missions of SWC: challenging and educating students to be rooted in Christ, grow in wisdom, and bearing fruit to the glory of God.
- **Faith & Family Day game** this summer at a Sioux Falls Canaries game on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:35pm! We view this as a great opportunity to allow churches to pack the stands and celebrate the love of Christ together. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. Bailey Fey, sales executive with the Sioux Falls Canaries.
- **"May a woman be a preacher, an elder, or a deacon? Why or why not? If not, what is her role in the church, and is it really that meaningful? Come to Edgerton Protestant Reformed Church on Friday, June 23 at 7 PM to hear Pastor Matt De Boer speak about the place a woman has in the church according to God's Word.**

From CRC Communications

- **Groundwork: Honor God By Using His Resources Wisely** - The Bible teaches us we are stewards of God's resources. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:13-21, Philippians 4:11-13, Leviticus 27:30, Numbers 18:25-28, and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 to discuss stewardship, tithing, and what this means for how we handle the money and possessions we have in this life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.