

November 22, 2020

Accompanist

Today: Darlene Dreessen

Next Sunday: Darla Timmer

Sound System

Today: Eric Haan

Next Sunday: Derek Hamm

Library

Today: Open

Next Sunday: Open

Offerings

Today: A.M. – ECES

P.M. – Hope Haven

Thanksgiving: Budget or Designate

Next Sunday: A.M. – SWC

P.M. – World Renew

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Tim & Cheri 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. **Worship Service**

10:50 a.m. **Church Education Classes**

11:00 a.m. **Men's Choir Practicing**

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

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**

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

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

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. **Thanksgiving Service**

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

Thank You

- **Thank you** to Shelly Nibbelink for playing the prelude this morning and playing along with the hymns!

Upcoming Events

- **Men's bible study** will start on December 1 @ 7:00 pm. We will be using Cold Case Christianity as a study Guide. Wrede Vogel will be ordering the material. Some extra are being ordered for others to join us that haven't express interest before, so you could contact Wrede for more information. We will be meeting every other week on Tuesday Evening.
- **Men's Choir** will be practicing after this morning's service. Please join us!
- **SWC SCHOOLS FALL DONATION SALE:** As we continue to navigate the current "not of the norm" school year, the school board has considered what to do in terms of the SWC Fall Donation Sale.

The donation sales we conduct in the fall and spring are a significant part of the fundraiser efforts hosted by the school to reduce the amount of tuition for each of the 419 students enrolled in K-12 this year. With this in mind, the school board is going forward with a modified fall donation sale. There will not be an "in-person" auction this Fall but a few items will be available to bid on, freezer meals to purchase for holiday or family nights, and general gift giving because we know our awesome supporters do not need an actual event to attend to give a gift of support.

We hope to raise \$30,000 for this "non-event" event through the sale of prepared meals, donated items, and monetary contributions.

If you have an item you know would sell better in the fall season than at the spring donation sale, please contact one of the school offices to arrange pick up or drop off (442-6181 - Elementary or 442-4471 - High School).

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of the parents and school board, deepest appreciation for following Christ's example to love by serving and giving in thankful response.

Announcements

- **Welcome** to all who gather with us today for in person worship services, and to all others who join by streaming/viewing later. Since COVID-19 is still a factor we encourage any with underlying health concerns not to attend in person but to stream/view services. Please follow distancing practices like avoiding handshakes, by sitting in alternate pews
- **Offerings** may be left in offering plates by the doors of the sanctuary.

Offerings this week: am – ECES

pm – Hope Haven

- **Advance Notice:**

Annual Congregational Meeting – Monday, November 30, 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Service – Friday, December 25, at 9:30 AM

Old Year's Service -- Thursday, December 31, at 6:30 PM

- **Schedule** to read through the Bible in a year, from www.fivedaybiblereading.com Week 47
Ezra 1-2, John 21
Ezra 3-4, Psalm 92, 1 John 1
Haggai, Zechariah 1, Psalm 138, 1 John 2
Zechariah 2-5, Psalm 93, 1 John 3
Zechariah 6-8, 1 John 4
- **Food Shelf Final Church Giving Week:** THANK YOU so much for your generous donations of food and monetary donations so far. Our hearts are overflowing with joy seeing the love of our congregation for those less fortunate. This is the churches last week for giving. Let's look in our hearts and dig deep to give whatever we are able to give to this most worthy cause. We are so blessed to go to bed with full tummies and sleep well knowing when we will eat next. Did you know you can give monetary donations as well? Just give Jan or Becky a check written out to: Luverne Area Community Foundation and in the memo line add Rock County Food Shelf. We will take care of the rest for you. Donations can be used as tax deductions and a receipt will be sent to you. The Rock County Food Shelf is working with the City of Luverne to relocate the Food Shelf to its own building. There is a note in your mailboxes about the new building and its needs. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10
- **Bible League International** has a volunteer opportunity for a Spanish/English translator to assist BLI with the translation of documents or other forms of communication between English and Spanish in order to engage more donors and partners in Bible League's ministry in Latin America. Contact DVanSwol@bibleleague.org
- Due to this COVID-19 pandemic we will be doing the **Bison Feed** in the form of take-and-bake. This will be the meatloaf and cheesy potatoes. These items will come frozen with cooking instructions provided. There will be 2 different days for pick up. They are as follows: November 17, 2020 and December 1, 2020 All orders must be turned in by: November 16, 2020 and November 30, 2020. Quantities are as follows: 4 1 pound loaves and potatoes for \$20, 8 1 pound loaves and potatoes for \$35. Call the United Methodist Church office to place your order! (507) 283-4529. Don't miss out! Order today!
- **The Luverne Eagles Club Thanksgiving Dinner** will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal. This includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cranberries and pumpkin pie. Serving from 11am-1pm. Due to Covid-19 we are unable to serve the meals inside the Eagles Club. We will be offering meals to go starting at 11 am. Please enter the middle door on the east side of the building. Masks are required. If you are unable to pick up your meal at the Eagles Club please call the Eagles Club, 507-283-9661 or Jan Sudega: 507-920-7649 or Brenda Stickling: 507-227-2776 and we will deliver it to your house. Please call on or before Tuesday November 24, 2020. Free will donations accepted.

- **Tuesday, November 24:** The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Christmas Choral Concert on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale (85-voice mixed choir), and Concert Choir (55-voice advanced mixed choir). The choirs will share a wide range of repertoire, all of which will contemplate or celebrate the coming of the Christ child in a unique and beautiful way. Joining the choirs will be several instrumental collaborators including piano, a string quartet, brass quintet, and various forms of percussion. This is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://livestream.com/dordtwebcast3>. Family members of the musicians will receive tickets for the live performance from their students. Masks are required for all family members attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

Council Room Notes

from meeting on November 16, 2020.

- Pastor opened with Psalm 121 and prayer. All members present!
- Education Committee -- reported on how the COVID-19 situation is affecting plans for the annual Sunday School Christmas program. We expect that, instead of a program on a Sunday evening, the children will share readings and/or songs as ministries of music during advent.
- Maintenance Committee – asked to work with the youth group leaders to try to develop a “youth group” room/meeting area in the church basement.
- **Pulpit Supply** -- Rev. Carl Bruxvoort is scheduled to lead worship in the AM of December 27 as Pastor Sparks fills a classical appointment to Colton, SD.
- Council **thinks Cheri Van Bruggen** for her service as Meals on Wheels Coordinator. Thank you also to **Austin and April Spronk** for taking on this task.
- Council appointed ballot counters, approved a budget for 2021 and made other preparations for our annual **congregational meeting**, which is scheduled for November 30, 2020. See the information sheets available today in church mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider the following **nominations** for officebearers: as elders -- Eric Haan, Arlan Henstra, Jake Moss, and Ken Vos (vote for two); as deacon -- Jeff De Witt and Jeff Van Santen (vote for one). Absentee ballots will be available in the Council Room. Please submit in signed envelopes.
- Council prepared for next Lord's Supper, scheduled for the AM service of December 13.
- Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Monday, December 21, at 7 PM. Elder Shawn Feikema closed with prayer.