

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

Cornerstone Church
SD State Penitentiary
Sioux Falls

Adam Ramirez
1009 20th St. NE 1100
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November 27, 2022

Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

We Gather in Hope & Expectation

Scripture Meditation – Mark 1:1-3

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Wreath: The Candle of Hope – (Brant & Stephanie Van Dyke Family)

Advent Responsive Reading – adapted from Psalm 130:5-7

God Calls Us

Call to Worship – Revelations 19:1-2, & 5

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – LUYH #79(vs.1–3) “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

* Hymn – PH #340(vs.1, 4, & 5) “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

God Renews Us

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – 1 Peter 1:3-12

Hymn – PH #335(vs.1–3) “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

God Guides Us

Congregational Prayer

Offertory/Offering for Rock County Food Shelf

*Hymn of Preparation – LUYH#292(vs.1–3) “There Where the Judges Gather”

Scripture Reading – Malachi 2:17–3:5 (page 1489 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – “*Rekindling Hope: God’s Justice*”

I. Justice Provoked (2:17)

II. Justice Prepared (3:1–4)

III. Justice Promised (3:5)

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response – PH#337(1-3) “Joy to the World”

God Sends Us

*God’s Blessing – Isaiah 33:5-6

*Closing Adoration – LUYH #60(vs.1 & 3) “Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

*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.

November 27, 2022

Evening Worship

6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Come, Let us Worship the Lord

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

*Opening Praise – PH#187(vs.1,2, & 4) “Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

*God’s Greeting

We Express our Faith

*Apostles Creed – on the screen

* Hymn of Faith – PH#384(vs. 1,3,4, & 5) “How Sweet the Name of
Jesus Sounds”

We Worship Through Prayer

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word Proclaimed

*Hymn – PH#463(vs. 1,2, & 3) “He Leadeth Me”

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Sermon: “Our Times are God’s Times”

Prayer

We Respond With Thanksgiving

*Hymn –SP#101(vs.1&2) “In His Time”

We Depart to Serve our Savior

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Adoration – PH#493 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Postlude

(Offering for New Roots Ministry - put in offering plates at the door)

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Greeters

West Door

East Door

Today: Brant & Stephanie Van Dyke
Next Week: Cal Den Herder

Don & Marcia Bork
Steven & Rachel Dekker

Accompanist

Today: Darlene Dreessen
Next Sunday: Darla Timmer

Sound System

Today: Derek Hamm
Next Sunday: Shawn Feikema

Nursery

Today: Kaydence Van Dyke & Elsie Steenholdt
Next Sunday: Keegan Hamm & Reese Swyter

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Rock County Food Shelf
P.M. – New Roots Ministry
Next Sunday: A.M. – Education Fund
P.M. – Calvinist Cadet Corps (Michigan)

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Larry & Melinda Top
Next Week: Tim & Cheryl Van Bruggen

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. **NO Sunday School/ Catechism**
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship Service**

Monday: 7:00 p.m. **Congregational Meeting**
7:00 p.m. **Friendship Class – Lesson 1, Noah Building the Ark**

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. **NO Coffee Break**

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**
5:30 p.m. **Sunday morning** Service broadcast on Vast
12:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

Thank You

- **"With grateful hearts** and in praise of God's faithful provision, we say THANK YOU to all who generously donated, bid and gifted freely to the SWC Fall Donation Sale last week." While monetary gifts continue to be received, we are currently at \$108,167.00 in Donation Sale receipts. Anyone still wishing to give a monetary donation can do so at either of the school offices or by mailing it to SWC Schools, 550 Elizabeth St. W., Edgerton MN, 56128.

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!** We welcome Pastor Stephen Wynja from Holland CRC, Holland MN to our pulpit this evening.
- **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!
- **Congregational Meeting, this Monday, November 28, 2022.** The council presents the following nominations of office bearers to be voted on at the Congregational Meeting on Monday, November 28. For the office of elder: Rod Fransman, Brad Klarenbeek, Ethan Mesman, John Top, Tim Van Bruggen and Shawn Vis. For the office of deacon: Stacy Dilly, Derek Hamm, Dustin Van't Hof, and Jeff Van Santen.
- **FOOD SHELF:** The month of November is Luverne CRC's month to give to the Rock County Food Shelf. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to this very worthy cause to help those in need. There will be the shopping cart and table set up in church by next week Sunday 11/6 for donations. Thank you in advance for giving generously. Extra needs at the food shelf are: Snack Items (Crackers, Cookies, Popcorn, Coffee, Tea, Etc.)
- **Basketball and Burgers!** The first SWC home games of the season for both the girls and the boys are Saturday, December 3. SWC Circle #10 will be serving burgers and hot dogs from 4:30-6:30pm. Meals include burger/hot dog, chips, bar, and beverage. Come out for a great meal and enjoy some basketball as the girls and boys take on Worthington.
- **Upcoming events at SWC:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming events at SWC Schools!
 - December 12 - Christmas Program, grades K-4 9:30 AM
 - December 19 - Christmas Concert, grades 5-12 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events

- **2023 Prayer Catalyst Gathering:** The Classical Interim Committee is seeking the name of an individual who would represent Classis Minnkota at a prayer gathering to be held in southern California on February 21-22, 2023. This would be two days of prayer, worship, and fellowship to pray for the CRCNA. If you or someone you know is willing to consider taking this opportunity or desire more information, please contact Rev. Roger Sparks by Monday, November 28, 2022, at rdsparks1981@hotmail.com
- **St John Lutheran Church** is doing our Festival of Nativities again this year. We would like to invite your congregation to visit and enjoy strolling through our nativities this Christmas season. View nativities of every kind. St. John Lutheran Church, 803 N Cedar St; Fri., Dec. 2, 4 - 7 pm; Sat., Dec. 3, 9 am - 3 pm. FREE ADMISSION, Refreshments served. See Flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- **Luverne Street Music's Carnegie Minstrels** (musicians from churches throughout the county) will be performing the cantata – LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS – at 7 pm on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Luverne Public Schools' Performing Arts Center during Luverne's Winterfest Celebration. See the flyer on the bulletin board. The performance will be a Benefit Concert for the Rock County Food Shelf.
- **Attend the Sanford Health** community Opioid Overdose Training, Monday, December 5, 2022. 2 Opportunities: 12:00pm – 1:00pm and 4:30pm – 5:30 pm. Sanford Luverne Medical Center, Blue Mound room. Training is FREE, pre-register by November 28th. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- **Attention Rock County Churches:** New Life Celebration Church has been giving out food for the past 20 years. The food ministry will be giving out their last food distribution on December 15th of this year unless something changes. It is not lack of money or interrupted food shipments that will end this ministry. The fact is that the workers are getting too old to do the work. This is a plea for anyone in Rock County to take over this vital ministry that serves 100 plus families each month. ATLAS of Rock County would be happy to continue providing the venue for the food giveaway and New Life Celebration Church would consider giving a financial contribution to keep this ministry going if needed. Please call Gloria Vink at 283-4366 or Jean Staeffler at 283-8963 if you or your church would like to keep this ministry going.
- **ATLAS of Rock County would like to introduce TreeHouse (for teenagers)** that will be starting in Rock County. This ministry is to help teens build healthy relationships, learn coping skills to navigate life's obstacles, discover their personal value, and look to the future with hope (most of all!) Ending hopelessness in teens' lives is our mission. We will be meeting in the Community Room in the ATLAS building (next to Redeemed Remnants store) once a week on Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A meal will be provided. See Flyer on the bulletin board.

From CRC Communications

- **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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.
- **Advent: Our Great Hope** - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. We know God always loves us and is kind to us and that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. This is our great hope! Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.
- **Groundwork: The Magi: A Reminder that Jesus Came for All Nations** - The Magi may not be present at Christ's birth like most nativity sets would suggest, but the inclusion of the Magi in the gospel of Matthew is strategic and intentional. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 2:1-12 to hear the gospel writer's message and prepare our hearts to once again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. 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 Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future. How can you be a messenger of hope this week? Wonder and talk about that with someone this week. (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)
- **World Renew Giving Tree** - Help people who live in poverty experience more of God's love for them by participating in our Christmas Giving Tree! Through the World Renew Gift Catalog, each ornament on the tree is a giving suggestion for people living in poverty worldwide. Just choose an ornament and bring it, along with your donation, to put in our World Renew offering on Christmas Day. If you are not attending services this Christmas, you can also go to worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to give instead!
- **Share the Light of Advent** - As we begin the Advent season, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world. Will you share God's light of hope with those who live in poverty by adding an item from World Renew's Gift Catalog to your Christmas list? Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.