

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

Mark Klompfen
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Nepal

Cornerstone Prison Church
SD State Penitentiary
Sioux Falls

Adam Ramirez
CRC Home Missions
Pipestone Spanish Ministry

September 17, 2023

Morning Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship Our Triune God

Scripture Meditation – Isaiah 54:9–10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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.

God Call Us

Call to Worship – Psalm 68:34–35

Opening Prayer

* Opening Praise – SP #2(vs.1&2) “We Worship and Adore You”

* God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting – 2 Timothy 1:2

* Hymn – PH #324(vs.1–3) “God Himself Is with Us”

God Renews Us

Call to Confession – Psalm 46:1–3

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 46:4–9

God’s Will for Our Lives – Psalm 46:10–11

Hymn – PH #470(vs.1–4) “Abide with Me”

God Guides Us

Prayers of God’s People

Offertory/Offering for Cornerstone Prison Church

*Hymn of Preparation – PH #391(vs.1–3) “Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Scripture Reading – Genesis 8 (page 11 in pew Bibles)

Sermon – “*Noah: The Beginning of the World That Is*”

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response – PH #408:1–3 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

God Sends Us

*God’s Blessing – 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

*Closing Adoration – PH #490(vs.1–2) “Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above”

*Postlude

September 17, 2023

Evening Service

6:30 p.m.

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God Greet Us

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

*Opening Praise – PH#304(vs.1-3) “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

*God’s Greeting

We Respond in Faith

*Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed (on the screen)

*Hymn of Faith: PH#443(vs.1–3) “Faith of Our Fathers”

Prayers of God’s People

God Instructs Us

*Hymn – SP #130a(vs.1–4) “Living for Jesus”

Scripture: Matthew 4:23–5:16

Sermon: “Living Out and In God’s Kingdom”

Prayer

*Hymn – PH#469(vs.1–3) “By the Sea of Crystal”

We Depart to Serve

*God’s Blessing

*Closing Praise – SP#90(vs.1) “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*Postlude

Offering at back for: Education Fund

September 17, 2023

Greeters

West Door

East Door

Today: Shawn & Becky Feikema

Brian & Melissa Fick

Next Sunday: Alvin & Pat Feikema

Eric & Amy Haan

Accompanist

Today: Phyllis Vos

Next Sunday: Darlene Dreessen

Sound System

Today: Tim van Bruggen

Next Sunday: Eric Haan

Nursery

Today: Cathryn Feikema & Reese Swyter

Next Sunday: Jenna Feikema & Aiden Hamm

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Cornerstone Prison Church

P.M. – Education Fund

Next Sunday: A.M. – New Life Treatment Center

P.M. – Hope Haven

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning & Mowing

Cleaning: This Week: John & Marge Vis

Next Week: Pete & Maria Vis

Mowing: This Week: Jim & Vonda Nibbelink

Next Week: Pete & Linda Oliver

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**

Monday: 7:00 p.m. **Council Meeting**

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

Announcements

- **Welcome to all who gather with us in worship!** This evening, we welcome to our pulpit Adam Ramirez from CRC Home Missions, Pipestone Spanish Ministry.
- **September 18 – Council Meeting.** If you have any suggestions for the office of elder or deacon please let a council member know as they will be considering nominations at the next council meeting.
- **Calling all children!** Sunday school/catechism will begin today Sunday, September 17, 2023, after the morning worship service, at 10:50 am.
- **Youth Group kick-off!** Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Shawn, and Karmen's place. We will have games, food, and a bonfire. Kids may come around 6:30 and may be picked up around 9:00. Also, there is a sheet in the back for phone numbers. Please write your name and number down so we are able to contact you for youth group info.
- **Join us for CoffeeBreak** beginning on Tuesday, October 3 at 9:30 AM for our kickoff at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church at 605 North Estey Street. We meet each Tuesday at 9:30 AM to study the Bible. StoryHour is a fun program for children 3 years old through Kindergarten where he or she is loved and enjoys playtime and Bible stories. A nursery is available for the littlest ones. There is no charge or prior Bible knowledge is not necessary. All faiths and all ages are welcome. Starting October 10, we will be studying Mark 9-16. Invite a friend or two on October 3. Enjoy a time of fellowship, refreshments and our speaker Marilyn Uithoven will share her story. For questions call Kristi Stroeh at 507-227-5102 or email at kristi.stroeh@hotmail.com
- **Women's Bible Study** will meet Wednesday nights - October 18, November 1 and 15 for a 3-week study of "Haggai - The God that Comes Near." If interested, please sign up or talk to Evonne Top. We would love to have women of any age come.
- **Friendship Class.** Friendship class will be starting on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7:00pm.
- **Unfading Truth.** You need a break. In fact, you were designed for it. But you need to fight the world to keep one of God's greatest gifts to you: the fourth commandment (a.k.a the Sabbath Day). Dig Deeper with us this week as we read the Bible each weekday to learn more. Join us at UnfadingTruth.org.

Upcoming Events

- **Dordt University.**
 - **Friday, September 22:** The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place on Friday, September 22, at 3:00 p.m., in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.
 - **On September 28-30,** eighty-five high school choral singers will be on campus at Dordt University for the 1st Annual Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend! Attendees come from seven states and from as far as Washington state and Indiana. Each of the students were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.
- **Feel empowered as you directly share your Good News!** On a one-Friday-afternoon-workshop, let us dig into God's Word, practice expressing our personal God-stories, and then go out and share it in helpful ways. For information, dates & times (Fridays, Sept. 22 & Oct. 13, 1-5PM), or to sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, visit www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries. This experience will likely have a good carryover to others you know and for whom you pray. Fred Wilgenburg, Director & Pastor, New Roots Ministry.
- **First Fruits Harvest Festival of the Union Gospel Mission Sioux Falls** on September 23, 2023, at Wesley United Methodist Church parking lot, right by Meldrum Park from 3pm to 7pm. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.
- **Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music?** If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on October 6. Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa beginning at 7 p.m. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

- **Center of Hope.** We are excited to announce that we will be having our annual Fall Benefit at Sioux Falls Christian School (6120 S Charger Cir., Sioux Falls, SD) on Saturday, November 11, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. This is our main fundraiser of the year! There will be delicious food, guest testimonials, a silent auction, golden tickets, AND more! Schedule: 5:30pm - Fall Benefit meal will begin; 7:00pm - Door Prize and Golden Ticket Winners will be announced; 8:00pm - Fall Benefit and Silent Auction ends. Our financial goal is to raise \$30,000. Sincerely, Adam Hofer, Director of Programs.
- **THE SHRED IT TRUCK** will be at The Laundry Room parking lot in Luverne (corner of Main Street and Hwy 75) on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 AM – Noon. Save the Date! Free Will Offering is appreciated. Watch your paper being shredded on the truck monitor. There is no need to remove staples or paper clips. Spread the word to anyone that may have shredding needs!
- **Grieving a loss?** Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Weekly grief support group: When: Tuesdays, 2:00pm-4:00pm, September – December; Where: Fellowship Hall Grace Lutheran Church, 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

From CRC Communications

- **Kids' Corner:** God Gives Relief - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."
- **Groundwork:** God is Sovereign Over All - We will find ourselves in many different situations throughout our lives. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 and 4 to remember that in all things, no matter the situation, God is sovereign and in control. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.
- **Thrive: Disability and Accessibility.** Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology - We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that each person is essential. Yet, when it comes to hospitality and belonging for people with disabilities, our congregations often do not reflect what we believe. Join us online on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, from 1:30 to 6 pm (Eastern) to learn about how to nurture belonging. This event is virtual and free of charge. To register go to: <https://www.crcna.org/disability/events>