

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Worship 6 p.m.**

**December 1, 2019**

**Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! The mission of Lebanon CRC is to live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.**

**Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Sioux County Youth for Christ**

Next Sunday's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Joe & Alissa Richardson / Nursery next Sunday: Wes & Donna Searcy

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Joseph & Francis Cave

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Church education** for children and young people (preschool through high school) continues today after morning worship. Parents, please have your children and young people regularly attend, in keeping with the promises that you and the congregation made to each other at baptism.

**Sara Yesda** is our new church secretary, effective today. May God bless you Sara as you serve in this role! Thank you Lydia Korthuis for your service as church secretary over the past three years!

**Elected** to the office of elder was Verlyn Dekkers and to the office of deacon was Josh Gradert. They will attend diaconate/consistory/council meetings in December and be ordained and/or installed on Sunday morning, December 29.

**Congregational meeting** is Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. The 2020 proposed budget will be voted on and other relevant matters of congregational life will be discussed. Confessing members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (December 3 & 17) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**A Lessons and Carols** service is Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. which will serve as our Christmas program this year.

**Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons)** will next meet Tuesday, December 17; consistory at 6:30 p.m. and council at 7:30 p.m. As always, direct any questions or concerns to an elder or deacon or Pastor Cory.

**For more information** about Touch of Hope Haiti, go to [touchofhopehaiti.com](http://touchofhopehaiti.com) and to their Facebook page.

## **Congregational Prayers and Praises**

\*For our shut-ins:

Adrian Kruid Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta

Christina Vander Esch Resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

\*For our church, that we would live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together

\*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

\*For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace

\*For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

\*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

\*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

\*For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

\*For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby boy Van Beek, due in January

\*For Derek Bonnema and Alexa Schut, engaged to be united in covenant marriage April 18

\*For Joseph and Francis and baby Cave, due in April

## **Additional Announcements**

**The council** has decided, due to declining and inconsistent attendance at evening worship, to temporarily move in a different direction on Sunday evenings. In October and November, we will have evening worship the first Sunday of the month, a large group study or activity the second Sunday of the month, Grow Groups (small groups) either in homes or at church the third Sunday of the month, and no formal evening activities the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. We will try this on a trial basis through November and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at a congregational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

**Unity Christian High School** is hosting the Selah Christmas Tour on Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at the Unity office or online at [itickets.com/events/418923.html](http://itickets.com/events/418923.html).

Ireton Christian School will be having a soup supper Tuesday, December 17, 2019 serving from 5-7pm at Ireton Christian School. Come and enjoy a variety of soups: chili, chicken, and potato along with taverns, coney dogs, and hot dogs. With dessert and ice cream and also a candy walk. Free will donation.

**Justice For All** is planning their 2020 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's kingdom in new and important ways! Places and dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, Mexico, January 17-24; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson Mississippi, February 8-14; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Mississippi, February 15-21; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, Utah, March 14-20. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or to sign up for a project, please contact Nick Leloux at [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org) or (712) 476-2804. To attend an informational meeting, come to the JFA Ministry Center, Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

**Justice For All** is excited to invite you on a Discovery Bus Tour April 21-28! This tour will focus on our ministry partners in Utah: Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. Come along, see and experience how God is shining his love and light through these amazing ministries to the FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) communities. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joel De Wit at (712) 476-2804 or [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org). Seats are filling up, so respond soon.

### **From Back to God Ministries International**

Groundwork: Wonderful Counselor ~ In the famous passage Isaiah 9:6, the prophet begins by describing the Messiah as a Wonderful Counselor. As we look toward Jesus Christ's birth, join us in studying Isaiah 9:2-6, John 14:15-17, and John 16:12-15 to discover the divine wisdom and help we receive from Jesus Christ our Messiah. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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.reframemediacom](http://familyfire.reframemediacom). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Family 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. [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Jesse Tree: God's Big Advent Story is now available free for CRCNA families! This downloadable package from Faith Formation Ministries includes 25 simple devotions for kids of all ages and printable ornaments that follow God's story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day's reading invites families to read and wonder about a Bible story together, pray together, and step away from the busyness of the season. Learn more and download these Advent devotions at [dwellcurriculum.org/home](http://dwellcurriculum.org/home).

### **From World Renew**

Volunteer Overseas with a Group ~ Are you a compassionate, respectful, adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).