

January 12, 2025

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church

**The mission of Lebanon CRC is
*To live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.***

WEEKLY SERVICES & MINISTRIES AT LEBANON

“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God...” - Luke 1:76-78a NIV

Today – Morning Worship - *Not in Our Neighborhood!* from Luke 4:14-30. Why is a prophet not welcomed in his hometown? The way Nazareth treated Jesus reveals how difficult - and necessary - it is for the Son of God to draw near to us. This is the second of three sermons Pastor Bob will deliver from this text.

Next Sunday – Morning Worship - *Sharing Christ's Anointing 2* from Luke 4:14-30. The final message based on this text will call us to share the work of Christ in this world through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Evening - Faith-Food-Fellowship will meet at 6:00 PM Sunday evening.

Today's offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Bethesda Christian Counseling

Next Sunday's offerings: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Kingdom Boundaries

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Mylasah & Myriel Cave

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Cole, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Rick & Kay DeBoom

Sound Booth attendant next week: Arlo, Dan, Addy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and flower arrangement for the loss of our stepdad and grandfather. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Myron & Nancy, Josh & Leah, Jameson and Walker

Duane Bonnema birthday Open House January 18, from 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Ave O Hawarden, IA 51023. Stop in or send a card. He would love to hear from you.

Ladies' & Men's Bible Study - We meet weekly Wednesdays. Ladies meet at 1:30 PM. Men meet at 7:00 PM. We will resume last season's study from the book of Acts. Join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies - Weekly, beginning January 8

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, January 13

6:30 PM - Consistory

7:30 PM - Council

Wednesday, January 15

1:30 PM – Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 19

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

6:00 PM – Fath, Food & Fellowship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Wayne & Edie Dekkers. Wayne completed radiation treatment for cancer.
- Pray that the Lord will provide for our church ministry and mission to fund our budget for 2025.
- Remember Willie Dragstra and Greta Kruid at Crown Pointe Estates.
- Pray for our mission partners Sos & Kara and Steve & Tara. They covet our prayer support. It is the most important help we give them.
- Pray for Ireton Christian School and its board as they search for a new administrator. Give thanks for the good leadership Mrs. Megan Kooima has given in her years of service.
- Pray for God's continued grace for Duane Bonnema's journey with cancer.
- Pray for neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, Hawarden CRC, Rock Rapids CRC, Trinity CRC in Rock Valley, and Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls.
- Pray for the Lord to call new servants and students to the Ministry of the Word. The need is great! Pray for the work of Calvin Theological Seminary, preparing students for ministry and mission.
- Pray for those who suffer loss through natural disasters in our nation. From recent fire in Los Angeles to hurricane damage in North Carolina to flooding in Rock Valley, Hawarden, and Spencer many continue to suffer and struggle after loss of homes, businesses, and even loved ones.
- Pray for our nation in this time of transition of leadership. Pray for the Lord to bless our leaders with wisdom and strength. may their service bless our citizens and promote what is right and good in the world.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Lebanon Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Bob Drenten.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian's Annual Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM in the school all purpose room. We will be voting for new board members and passing the 2025-2026 proposed budget.

COOKIES!! Youth for Christ in Hawarden is looking for homemade cookies or bars, so they can bless Ireton Christian (5-8th grade students) and West Sioux Middle/High School students with their monthly Snack Giveaway. Cookies are needed no later than the evening of **14 January (this Tuesday)**. If you can help with 3-4 dozen cookies or a pan or two of bars, please let Roxanne Cook know at rcook@siouxlandyfc.org or 701-269-6352. **THANK YOU!**

MIK Youth and its supporting classis (Minn-Kota, IA-Kota, & Heartland Classis) are excited to announce the launching of a new sister ministry, as of January 1, 2025 called MIK +. This is a regional ministry for single young adults ages 19 - 29 years of age. It will consist of Bible Study, fun outings, and perhaps some service trips or service days.

Homecoming 2025 will be held at Unity Christian High School on Friday, January 24. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Groundwork: Repentance, Forgiveness, and Sin's Consequences - Does God still punish us for our sins, even though in Jesus he forgives all our sins? Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 12 and the prophet Nathan's conversation with King David to help us answer that question and discover God's hope even in bad situations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- January 30 – Dan D