

January 26, 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

“Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.” - Psalm 30:4 NIV

Today – Morning Worship - *A Living Hope* from 1 Peter 1:3-9. This is the first of a five-part series from this precious passage. We will also prepare to celebrate holy communion.

Evening - Faith-Food-Fellowship will meet at 6:00 PM Sunday evening. The theme, *Coming to Faith* will explore how God can use others to lead us to faith in Jesus. In 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Paul points to the influence of Timothy’s mother and grandmother. Who brought the knowledge of God to you? How did that happen?

Next Sunday – Morning Worship - *The Shield of Faith* from 1 Peter 1:3-9, focusing on 1 Peter 1:5. How does God shield us by his power? **We will celebrate holy communion.**

Evening - Faith-Food-Fellowship at 6:00 PM. *Keeping the Faith* from 2 Timothy 1:8-13. We will talk about what it means to live “a holy life” and what makes that hard in this world. How can we find help from God to do this?

Today’s offerings: Lebanon Church Budget / Building Fund

Next Sunday’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Youth for Christ

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Aaron & Kimberly Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Myron, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Harold & Pam Dekkers

Sound Booth attendant next week: Arlo, Cole, Clay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Tuesday, **Nancy Gradert’s mother**, Priscilla Huizenga, passed away in Orange City after a brief illness. We extend our care to Myron and Nancy Gradert; Josh and Leah Gradert, Jameson, and Walker at the loss of their mother and grandmother. Services have been arranged for this coming Tuesday with Oolman Funeral Home.

We would like to **thank the congregation** for the encouraging words and prayers offered on our behalf. Wayne & Edie Dekkers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - Sunday, February 16, we will host the Ireton-Lebanon Cadets at our morning worship service.

Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Study - We will meet Wednesday; Ladies at 1:30 PM and Men at 7:00 PM. We will continue our study from Acts 7 and the martyrdom of Stephen.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

9:45 AM - Morning Worship – Preparation for Holy Communion

11:00 AM – Sunday School

6:00 PM – Faith-Food-Fellowship

Wednesday, January 29

1:30 PM – Ladies’ Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study

Sunday, February 2

9:45 AM – Morning Worship – Celebration of Holy Communion

11:00 AM – Sunday School

6:00 PM – Faith-Food-Fellowship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Wayne & Edie Dekkers as Wayne anticipates a follow-up exam in the coming weeks to determine the effectiveness of his radiation care.
- Continue to remember the family and friends of Willie Dragstra as they grieve his passing.
- Pray for Myron and Nancy Gradert, and for Josh & Leah and their family, as they gather this week to mark the passing of Nancy's mother, Priscilla Huizenga.
- Pray that the Lord will provide for our church ministry and mission to fund our budget for 2025.
- Remember Greta Kruid at Crown Pointe Estates.
- Pray for God to bless the time our mission partner, Sos, is able to spend in our area to connect with Sos & Kara's supporters. Pray for the continuing development of the Teacher's Garden.
- Pray for our mission partners 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. Thank God for giving him days and strength to welcome a grandchild and to celebrate his birthday.
- 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 – Sioux Center Netherlands Reformed Congregation.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian and MOC-FV on Friday, Jan 31. Unity is hosting the event this year. The schedule for the evenings is JV boys @ 4:00; JV girls @ 4:30; JVR boys @ 5:15; V girls @ 6:00 with V boys to follow. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

Guiding Star Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30pm at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's healthcare—creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Panelists include Abby Dahl, who chose life at 17 years old, and Sarah Hurm, who underwent a successful abortion pill reversal treatment. Registration information can be found at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org or by calling 712-266-3282.

Groundwork: Jesus Prays for His Disciples - As Jesus prays his high priestly prayer, he intercedes on behalf of his disciples. Join Groundwork as we study John 17:6-19 to learn what Jesus desires for them and how his prayer for protection, unity, joy, and sanctification helps us live as sanctified people in a world that isn't always welcoming to our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- January 30 – Dan D
- Feb 2 – Jameson G