

**January 7, 2024**

## **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**

**Today – Morning Worship - *Leading in God's Household*** from **1 Timothy 3**. The first Lord's Day of 2024 is a fitting time to ask this of ourselves: *What sort of people does God call us to be?* We will install Rick De Boom as elder and Dan Dunn as deacon.

**Evening Worship – Faith, Food & Fellowship - *Questions God Asks: "Where Are You?"*** from Genesis 3:1-11. We'll be reflecting on at least 8 questions God asks through this winter and spring's evening gatherings. God's questions help us see ourselves and see what God leads us to discover about our walk with Him.

**Next Sunday – Morning Worship - *Another Trip Around the Sun*** from Ecclesiastes 1. Are we going in circles or are we headed somewhere?

**Today's offerings: CRCNA Ministry Share Pledge / Justice for All**

Next Sunday's offering: Steve & Tara Mission Support / GEMS

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Cole, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Dan, Addy

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Greeta Kruid was released from Sioux Center Hospital last Tuesday and returned to Crown Pointe.

**Ladies Bible Study and Men's Bible Study began last week.** Ladies will meet Wednesday afternoons 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM. The men will meet 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Our weekly meetings will focus on a study of the Book of Acts. Pastor Bob will lead both groups. Join us!

Today, we will install Rick De Boom to the office of elder and Dan Dunn to the office of deacon. Wayne Dekkers and Orlan Gulker will retire as elders and Al Van Wyhe will retire as deacon. We have been blessed by their service – thank you, brothers!

Your Christmas gift to us was humbling and encouraging. THANK YOU! We thank God for you. We are grateful the Lord led us to come and serve you. God bless each of you in 2024! - Pastor Bob & Jan Drenten; and Lisa Drenten.

**Thank you** for your ongoing support and prayers for our Christian education ministry in Africa! We're grateful for you! been very encouraged over the past year to see many school administrators, teachers, and pastors of churches with Christian schools grab more fully onto the vision of Christian education, recognizing the impact on the next generation. Please join us in praying Psalm 78:1-8 over the Christian schools and educators in Africa, so that the next generation might "put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds." Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

***Faith, Food, and Fellowship*** evening worship dates - **January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21.**

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 7**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Faith, Food and Fellowship

### **Wednesday, January 10**

1:30 PM – Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

### **Sunday, January 14**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – High School Catechism

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Give thanks for the progress God is giving Kevin Haverhals as he recovers from surgery.
- Give thanks for Greta Kruid's release from the hospital and for the progress God continues to give her.
- Continue to pray for Emmett, Robert and Val Haverhals' grandson. Give thanks for the progress Emmett is making! God is answering our prayers with His favor! Pray for strength for parents Mark & Molly, and their daughter Clara. If you wish to encourage them, mail to Mark & Molly Haverhals, 20 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and for the Teacher's Garden.
- Pray for healing for Monte Schoellerman.
- Pray for Duane Bonnema and his battle with cancer.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, Hawarden CRC and Carmel Reformed Church.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Covenant Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Joel Kok.

## SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unity Christian Homecoming 2024** will be held on Friday, January 19. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances.

**Sioux Center Christian School** invites you to attend one of the 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade performances of The Elves and the Shoemaker on Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27 at 7pm in the TePaske Theater. No tickets needed; a freewill offering will be received.

**Hope Haven Presents Dylan Scott:** Exciting News! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages on Thursday, March 14 at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: [hopehaven.org/events](https://hopehaven.org/events)

**Hope Haven** International Ministries has an upcoming trip and is looking for team members. They are traveling to Uganda Africa. They are seeking up to 12 people to travel with them. They will depart on March 23, 2024 and will distribute 2 containers of wheelchairs with three different ministries in Uganda. There is an option to end with an African safari at the end of the distribution trip. Please contact Kelly TeSlaa at Hope Have, [kteslaa@hothaven.org](mailto:kteslaa@hothaven.org) or 605-401-3675.

## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- January 7 – Al VW
- January 11 – Caden Y
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- January 30 – Dan D