

January 3, 2021

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

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome **Rev. Duane Tinklenberg** to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Cornerstone Prison Church

Next Sunday's offerings: Classical Quotas / Hope Haven

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we are taking offering for Classical Quotas. Included in Classical Ministry shares are Amistad Christiana, Areopagus, Classical Expense Fund, Classical Home Missions, Classical Ministry Leadership Team, Cornerstone Prison Ministry, Dordt University, Geneva Campus, Lakeview/Valentine, New Roots, Prairie Light Project, Siouxland Diaconal Conference, Siouxland Unity CRC, Timothy Leadership, and Youth Ministry.

Next Sunday, we welcome Mr. Sam Ashmore to lead us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will meet today after the morning service.

Church Directory: if you have had any changes to your mailing address, phone, email, etc. this past year, please let Sara know ASAP so the church directory can be updated. If you have an email address and are not getting emails from LEBANONCRCSECRETARY@gmail.com, please get that info to Sara, as there are times when email information is sent. Thanks!

The **Council is looking for several individuals** willing to help run the tech station in the sound booth. This includes recording the service, running the PowerPoint, etc. Training will be provided. Please talk to an elder for more information.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those willing to **help with nursery** for families of small children.

The council offered a call to Rev. Bob Drenten, and he has accepted this call.

Elected to the office of elder is Wayne Dekkers and Orlan Gulker; and deacon is Al Van Whye. Thanks to all the current elders and deacons for their service to Lebanon. Today, they will be installed into their roles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council meeting January 11. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

PRAYERS & 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 elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For Jason and Amanda Van Driessen and family and baby due February 2021.
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- Praying for our Local Congregations: January 3 – First Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Kurt Monroe

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Everyone over 2 years of age should wear a mask. Practice social distancing. No handshakes, or other physical contact.

At the present time we are not offering nursery, but we encourage parents to attend with their children and are welcome to use the nursery for a quiet space during the service if needed.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School will be hosting its 5th annual ice fishing tournament on January 16, 2021 at Emerson Bay on West Lake Okoboji. More details and registration forms will also be available on the school website at www.iretonchristianschool.com or our Facebook event page "ICS 5th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament." Please invite family and friends to participate in the fun with many prizes to be won! For any questions, please contact committee members Mary Hooyer (712-540-3019), Angie Zomermaand (712-441-4337) or Jin-Hee Klompfen (712-463-2732).

Wednesday, January 6 – Tuesday, January 26: The award-winning January Series of Calvin University will be held virtually from 11:30am-12:30pm CST each weekday. Covenant CRC in Sioux Center (will also offer these broadcasts in their building.) Topics will range from the future of the Supreme Court, climate change, the era of intelligent technology, civil discourse, racial tensions, the arts as a healing balm and so much more by top experts in their fields. For more information about the speakers, topics, and to register for personal viewing, visit www.calvin.edu/january .

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Faith Questions We All Ask: As we experience new or unexpected situations in our daily lives, it's right and good to see them through the lens of our Christian faith. But what happens when they cause us to ask questions of our faith? A trusted faith community is a valuable resource for biblically sound advice and answers. That's why we're thankful to dig into scripture with you. Let's discuss some of the questions faithful believers have sent to *Groundwork* this year, questions like: "Do we still need the Old Testament or has the New Testament replaced it?" "Does God really love me? If he does, why is my life falling apart?" and "Will we make it through the pandemic? Where is the hope?" We'll seek answers to these questions from scripture and be encouraged as we grow stronger in faith together. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries: the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. crcna.org/FaithFormation