

November 17, 2024

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

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MINISTRIES AT LEBANON

*“All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”  
– Matthew 5:37 (NIV)*

**Today – Morning Worship – Holy Truth** from 1 Corinthians 13 and Lord’s Day 43. The Ninth Commandment - *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor* - calls us to honesty. “Love rejoices with the truth.” How should we love our neighbor with truth?

**Next Sunday – Holy Desire** from Romans 12 and Lord’s Day 44. In the Tenth Commandment the Lord commands our attitudes as well as our actions. The Lord commands every bit of who we are for our good and His glory. We will prepare for holy communion, which we will celebrate at our Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

**Thanksgiving Eve – The Tithe** from Deuteronomy 24:1-15. Thanksgiving is a time to “count our blessings.” The Lord helps us do that in the tithe. What does *giving* have to do with *thanks*? We will celebrate holy communion.

**Today’s offerings: Teacher’s Garden / Cornerstone Prison Church**

Next Sunday’s offerings: Lebanon Church Budget / Love INC (In the Name of Christ)

### Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Derek & Kylie Koenen

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Jake & Angie Liston

Sound Booth attendant next week & **Thanksgiving Eve**: Caden, Myron, Addy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The council will hold our annual congregational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 PM. The agenda will include the annual church budget presented for approval and the selection of one elder and deacon by lot.

The vote to affirm nominees for the office of elder and deacon will be held after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 24. Elder nominees are Charles Van Driessen, Harold Dekkers, and Myron Gradert. Deacon nominees are Lloyd Dekkers, Julie Dragstra, Amy Noyes.

Have you signed up for a pledge for the memory verses our Sunday School is learning? Look for the sheet at the church mailboxes!

We will update our church directory soon for the coming year. Please let Sara Yesda or Pastor Bob know if you have any changes that should be included in your information.

Future meetings for **Faith, Food, and Fellowship** at 6:00 PM – November 24.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service - Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 PM.  
- Congregational Meeting - Monday, December 2, 6:30 PM  
- Christmas Caroling at Crown Pointe Estates - Sunday, December 8, 3:00 PM

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, November 17**

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

## **Sunday, November 24**

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

6:00 PM – Faith, Food & Fellowship

## **Wednesday, November 27**

7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Service – offering – Resonate Global Missions

### PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for the Lord to guide our process of selecting an elder and a deacon to serve with our council in 2025.
- Pray that the Lord will provide for our church ministry and mission as we consider our budget for 2025.
- Remember Willie Dragstra and Greta Kruid at Crown Pointe Estates. Pray too for Darrel Kruid as he adjusts to his move to another home in Hull.
- Pray for our mission partners Sos & Kara. Pray that the Lord continues to supply for their needs, protect their well-being, and promote the work of The Teacher's Garden.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas. Pray for the impact Steve's bible studies are having on those who are meeting Jesus.
- 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.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Church of God Congregation, Pastor Dustin Bolks.

### SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 19 November (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](mailto:rcook@siouxlandyfc.org) or 701-269-6352. THANK YOU!!

**Pizzas, Puzzles, & Pints (of Ice Cream)** Join us for a fun night out on Friday, December 6th. Get a six-person team together for \$180/team. The fastest team to finish a 520-piece puzzle, eat a large pizza, and three pints of ice cream wins a cash prize! This event, including a silent auction, will be held at the Ireton Christian gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Competition starts at 6:30 pm. Register online or email Ireton Christian School at [icsauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:icsauxiliary@gmail.com).

The **Sioux Center Christian School Fall Choral Concert** will be on Monday, November 18 at 7:00pm at Centerpoint Church. This concert will feature our 5th-8th grade choirs, who will be singing lovely sacred Christmas songs as well as other worshipful music plus a mass choir piece to conclude the concert. A freewill offering will be received for our music dept.

**Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts** may be brought to New Life Church in Sioux Center from November 18 to 24. Contact Loralie Wiese, 712-441-2371, for more information and drop-off times.  
[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ)

**Groundwork: The Day of the Lord** - Have you ever wondered what will happen when Christ returns? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 2 Peter 3 to reflect on God's divine timing and patience and learn from Peter what we should expect and how we can live holy, purposeful lives in light of the coming Day of the Lord. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- November 17 – Pastor Bob D
- November 21 – Greta K
- November 24 – Jace N
- November 27 – Wayne & Edie D