

November 24, 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

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

Today – ***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.

Faith, Food & Fellowship - How does God call us to interact with others, especially when others do not share a love for God or the ways of faith? We’ll explore answers to that challenge tonight.

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.

Next Sunday – We enter the season of Advent, remembering that the Son of God came and is coming again. This season we will focus on accounts of “miracle births” in the Old Testament which foreshadow the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary. Eve: The Mother of Life will be from Genesis 3.

Today’s offerings: Lebanon Church Budget / Ireton Christian School Food Packing Project

Next Sunday’s offerings: Classis / Youth for Christ

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Jake & Angie Liston

Sound Booth attendants today & Thanksgiving Eve: Caden, Myron, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Darin & Amy Noyes

Sound Booth attendant next week: Rick, Cole, Ava

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 this morning’s 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 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

Sunday, December 1

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

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 Greeta Kruid at Crown Pointe Estates.
- 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 – Covenant Christian Reformed Congregation, Rev. Joel Kok.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Will you prayerfully consider *Celebrating Western* with a Thanksgiving or year-end gift? Information is available on our website: www.westernchristianhs.com. Funds raised will support the General Fund and be allocated for capital improvements. Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His Kingdom!

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.

Would you be willing to be a sponsor for Operation Santa? Foster Squad of Iowa has committed to making sure every child in foster care receives Christmas gifts this year. Currently there are 1536 wishlists for children in Iowa. Setting Anchors (our local foster family non-profit support) is partnering with Foster Squad. **To help support our local foster families, make donations to Setting Anchors www.setting-anchors.com/blank-2 Please reach out to Setting Anchors if you have any questions. Holly Dibbet 712-441-6117 Tara Dekkers 712-441-2605

Groundwork: Your Questions about Christmas - Did the Christmas story really happen? Wasn't Christmas originally a pagan holiday? Why do some churches celebrate Advent? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 2:1-7, John 1:5, Isaiah 53:4-6, and Psalm 78:1-6 to let Scripture guide our discussion answering questions we've received about Christmas and Advent. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- November 24 – Jace N
- November 27 – Wayne & Edie D