

**Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! The mission of Lebanon CRC is to live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.**

**Today's offerings: General Fund / Ireton Cadet Club**

Next Sunday's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Sioux County Youth for Christ (Hawarden)

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Darin & Amy Noyes / Nursery next Sunday: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Church education** for children and young people (preschool through high school) continues today after morning worship. Parents, please have your children and young people regularly attend, in keeping with the promises that you and the congregation made to each other at baptism.

**Nominees** for elder are Verlyn Dekkers and Jerry Steenhoek; nominees for deacon are Josh Gradert and Al Van Wyhe. Lots will be cast from among congregation-affirmed nominees this morning to determine new officebearers.

**Today**, we will have a Thanksgiving meal together following morning worship and church education. All are welcome!

**Thanksgiving Eve** worship is Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. As part of our giving thanks, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and an offering will be received for Resonate Global Mission.

**Congregational meeting** is Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m. The 2020 proposed budget will be voted on and other relevant matters of congregational life will be discussed. Confessing members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (December 3 & 17) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**A Lessons and Carols** service is Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. which will serve as our Christmas program this year.

**Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons)** will next meet Monday, December 16; consistory at 6:30 p.m. and council at 7:30 p.m. As always, direct any questions or concerns to an elder or deacon or Pastor Cory.

**For more information** about Touch of Hope Haiti, go to [touchofhopehaiti.com](http://touchofhopehaiti.com) and to their Facebook page.

## **Congregational Prayers and 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 church, that we would live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together

\*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

\*For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace

\*For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

\*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

\*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

\*For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

\*For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby boy Van Beek, due in January

\*For Derek Bonnema and Alexa Schut, engaged to be united in covenant marriage April 18

\*For Joseph and Francis and baby Cave, due in April

## **Additional Announcements**

**The council** has decided, due to declining and inconsistent attendance at evening worship, to temporarily move in a different direction on Sunday evenings. In October and November, we will have evening worship the first Sunday of the month, a large group study or activity the second Sunday of the month, Grow Groups (small groups) either in homes or at church the third Sunday of the month, and no formal evening activities the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. We will try this on a trial basis through November and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at a congregational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

**A benefit** for the Ron and Martha Hulshof family is Friday, November 29 at Ireton Christian School with a meal from 5 – 7:30 p.m. and an auction at 6 p.m. There will also be a bake sale. To donate auction or bake sale items, please contact Sara Hulshof at (712) 278-2486. Ron was diagnosed with leukemia in October.

**Crossroads Prison Ministries**, in collaboration with the Institute of Prison Ministries, is hosting a gathering for mentors and prospective mentors in northwest Iowa on Saturday, December 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Doug Cupery, Church Mobilization Director for Crossroads, will share vision and stories of ministry impact. Anyone interested in potentially becoming a mentor to a prisoner is encouraged to attend this gathering. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Joni at [jjessup@cpministries.org](mailto:jjessup@cpministries.org) by November 25. [cpministries.org](http://cpministries.org)

**Unity Christian High School** is hosting the Selah Christmas Tour on Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at the Unity office or online at [itickets.com/events/418923.html](http://itickets.com/events/418923.html).

**Justice For All** is planning their 2020 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's kingdom in new and important ways! Places and dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, Mexico, January 17-24; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson Mississippi, February 8-14; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Mississippi, February 15-21; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, Utah, March 14-20. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or to sign up for a project, please contact Nick Leloux at [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org) or (712) 476-2804. To attend an informational meeting, come to the JFA Ministry Center, Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

**Justice For All** is excited to invite you on a Discovery Bus Tour April 21-28! This tour will focus on our ministry partners in Utah: Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. Come along, see and experience how God is shining his love and light through these amazing ministries to the FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) communities. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joel De Wit at (712) 476-2804 or [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org). Seats are filling up, so respond soon.

### **From Back to God Ministries International**

Groundwork: Lean Into God's Grace ~ When the challenges feel insurmountable, the loneliness and temptation to give up creep in. Join Groundwork as we study what Ezra and Nehemiah do in Nehemiah 8-9 and Nehemiah 13:22,31 and discover how leaning into God's grace and love is the antidote we need to carry us through. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Family Faith Formation Tip: Advent starts next Sunday! How might you celebrate this time of expectant waiting with the people in your household? Here are two ideas: Participate in the Advent Word project at [adventword.org](http://adventword.org). AdventWord is a global, online Advent calendar that offers meditations and images to inspire and connect individuals and a worldwide community of believers to the themes of Advent. [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)

### **From World Renew**

Volunteer Overseas with a Group ~ Are you a compassionate, respectful, adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).