

December 3, 2023

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 – We begin the season of Advent, looking forward to celebrating our Savior’s birth in Bethlehem and awaiting His return in glory.

Morning Worship *The Grace of God* from **Matthew 1:1-6a**. The genealogy of Jesus Christ tells the story of the God who comes to us with promised grace to establish our **hope**.

Evening Worship *Faith, Food, & Fellowship* gathering at 6:00pm. We will explore how Christmas encourages us.

Next Sunday – Our **morning worship** will focus on *The Justice and Mercy of God* from **Matthew 1:6b-11**. The genealogy of Jesus tells the story of backsliding and loss of God’s favor. When we are unfaithful, **peace** comes only from God’s faithful mercy.

Today’s offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Love, Inc.

Next Sunday’s offering: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Luke Society

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Robert & Val Haverhals

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Dan, Eli

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Derek & Kylie Koenen

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Myron, Carly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we will choose by lot those who will serve as elder and as deacon for three-year terms of service beginning with installation Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Monday, December 4, at 7:00 PM we will hold our annual congregational meeting to consider adoption of our church budget for our next fiscal year.

If you have any changes to your address, phone or email for the directory, please let Sara know.

Sunday evening, December 10, 6:00 PM, we will worship at Hawarden CRC with members of Ireton CRC for an **Advent Candlelight Service**.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School & High School Catechism

6:00 PM – Faith, Food & Fellowship

Monday, December 4

7:00 PM – Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 10

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Candlelight Service @ Hawarden CRC

Monday, December 11

6:30 PM – Consistory

7:30 PM - Council

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- 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 11th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901.
- Pray for our congregational meeting on December 4, and for the new elder and deacon we select today.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and for the Teacher's Garden.
- Pastor Mark and JinHee ask us to pray for their work in Kathmandu. They pray God will provide donors toward the purchase of a much-needed vehicle.
- Pastor Tyler and Christine Helpers serve as our mission partners in South Africa. We support them through Classis Iakota. Pray for their ministry.
- Pray for Siouxland Unity Church and the ministry of Pastor Keo Phommarath.
- Pray for healing for Monte Schoellerman after surgery on his foot.
- Pray for Duane Bonnema and his battle with cancer.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, First CRC Sioux Falls, Hawarden CRC and Carmel Reformed Church. Pray for Rev. Steven Zwart as he begins his ministry with First CRC, Sioux Falls.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Centerpointe Congregation, Pastors Chris Godfredsen & Jamie Dykstra.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School will hold their Christmas Musical on **Thursday, December 7** at 7:00 PM at the Ireton Christian Reformed Church. Please join as for a night of great entertainment by our school kids.

EGG ROLLS are again available from **Siouxland Unity CRC** in Sioux City: \$15/dozen; \$5 for sweet chili sauce. Order from Henry Kraayenbrink at 712-540-8617 or svvinc@mtcnet.net by Friday, December 8. Pick them up at Faith CRC at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 16.

The **Unity Christian FFA** is hosting a Soup Supper on December 14 from 4:30-6:30pm. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

The **Unity Christian High School Music Department** invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

The **Dordt University Chorale** will present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 10 at 8:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Scriptural lessons presented by dramatic readers from the Dordt Theatre Department will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, and string quartet. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: **Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor** - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a 'Wonderful Counselor.' Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.