

December 7, 2025

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

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old from ancient times.” Micah 5:2 NIV

This Sunday - Morning Worship – Pastor Bob’s Advent series continues with *God’s Promise Brings Peace: Mary Meets Gabriel* from Luke 1:26-38. We will prepare to celebrate holy communion on December 14.

Next Sunday - Morning Worship – *God’s Joy for a Heartbroken World: Joseph’s Dreams* from Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 2:13-23. Angels meet Joseph in dreams with God’s Word for his troubled heart and for a grieving world. We will celebrate holy communion.

Today’s Offerings: CRCNA Ministry Share Pledge / Cornerstone Prison Church

Next Sunday’s Offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Kingdom Boundaries

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Myron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Dragsta returned home on Tuesday and continues to recover from his recent hip surgery. All results from the surgery are favorable so far!

We give **our sympathy** to Dan and Barb Gisselbeck at the sudden death of Barb’s brother, Jim Huisman, of Hospers. A memorial service was held yesterday at the Presbyterian Church in Hospers. May they find comfort in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank You for the support and donations for my mission trip to Guatemala in March. -Caden Yesda Anyone still wishing to donate to Caden’s mission trip expenses may do so by a check made out to Lebanon CRC, with “Caden Yesda Mission Trip” in the memo line.

At the **congregational meeting** last Monday night, Harold Dekkers was selected to serve as elder and Ashley Dekkers as deacon. The 2026 budget and mission support proposals were passed. The request to proceed with arrangements to sell a portion of the church property near the school building also passed.

This coming Wednesday evening we will bless the residents of the Hudson Care and Rehab Center with Christmas caroling. We will meet at the Care Center at 6:00 PM. After caroling we will return to Lebanon Church for soup, ice cream, and fellowship.

The Hawarden CRC invites Ireton CRC and Lebanon CRC to a **Candlelight Advent Worship Service** on Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 PM.

Ladies’ and Men’s Weekly Bible Study resumes Wednesday, January 7. Ladies will meet 1:00-2:00 PM; Men meet 7:00-8:00 PM. We will continue our study of Acts with a new study guide. You may pick up yours at the back of the church. Make plans to join us!

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Nancy G & Al VW**

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 PM - Christmas Caroling at the Hudson Care Center

Sunday, December 14

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Nola VD & Charlie VD**

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, December 21 6:00 PM - Candlelight Service at Hawarden CRC

Thursday, December 25 9:30 AM - Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, January 7 1:30 PM - Ladies' Bible Study Begins

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study Begins

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayer for Our Members

- Cinda Vande Griend - Household of the Week
- Ken & Julie Dragstra
- Dan & Barb Gisselbeck
- Robert & Val Haverhals

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for God's grace for Riley Vander Esch as she receives care at Mayo Clinic for an inoperable brain tumor.
- Pray that our neighbors may know the comfort and joy of the gift of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem as our Savior and Lord.
- Pray for ministries who encourage those who are troubled or lonely, perhaps even more in this season, including Bethesda Christian Counseling, ATLAS, and Creative Living.

Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Pray for the Lord to prepare those he will call to serve as an elder or deacon in Lebanon Church.
- Pray for Sos & Kara and their family as they live out the Lord's call to promote Christian education in Africa.
- Pray that the Lord leads Steve & Tara in their work with Launch Global in Texas. Pray for those they prepare to bring the gospel to challenging and risky places in the world.
- Pray for churches searching for pastoral leadership: Calvin and Trinity CRCs in Rock Valley, Inwood CRC, Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls, Carmel Reformed Church. Pray that the Lord would raise up a new generation of pastoral leadership.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Maria Magdalena Reformed, Leaders Jason Lief and Martha Draayer

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Unity Christian FFA** is hosting their annual supper on Monday, December 15 from 4:30-6:30pm prior to our **Christmas Concert at 7:00pm** in the Knight Center. The taco bar supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donations will be taken.

Pizza, Pop, & Puzzles - Join Ireton Christian School on Friday, December 12th. Register a team of up to six people for \$180/team. Be the fastest team to finish a 500 piece puzzle, eat two medium pizzas, and drink two 2-liter beverages! First and Second place will receive a prize! This event will be held at the Ireton Christian School gym and will be followed by an ice cream social and bake sale. Doors open at 6:00 pm and competition begins at 6:30 pm. Find the event on facebook or email Amanda Van Driessen at javandriessen@gmail.com to register!

Hope Haven International Ministries: Ever wonder who we are and what we do? We collect, restore, manufacture, ship and distribute wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Interested in volunteering? We have many opportunities available. Open House on Wednesday, December 17 from 3-7PM and the Rock Valley Wheelchair Ministry Center located at 1800 19th Street.