

December 1, 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

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” - Isaiah 9:2 NIV

Today – 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.

Next Sunday – The birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah was as unexpected as it was a delight. The Lord’s promised son, an heir to all the Lord gave to Abraham, is God’s gift of life out of death and beyond death. God’s blessing to the world enters our human race by the birth of a promised Son. ***Sarah: The Mother of Laughter*** is based on Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7. We will prepare for holy communion.

Today’s offerings: Classis / Youth for Christ

Next Sunday’s offerings: Steve & Tara Mission Support / Hawarden Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darin & Amy Noyes

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Cole, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Sound Booth attendant next week: Arlo, Dan, Clay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Duane Tinklenberg will be preaching his last scheduled sermon on Sunday, December 1 at the Bethel CRC evening service at 6pm. You are invited to attend. Following the service, we will have cupcakes and coffee.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Congregational Meeting - Monday, December 2, 6:30 PM

- Christmas Caroling at Crown Pointe Estates - Sunday, December 8, 3:00 PM

- Communion – December 15 Morning Worship

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

Monday, December 2

6:30 PM – Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 8

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 – Faith Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Bob Pollema.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School will hold their Christmas musical on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium. Please join us for a night of great entertainment by our school kids.

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.

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.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 2 – Cate C
- December 2 – Darin N
- December 7 – Addison L
- December 7 – Jacob D
- December 9 – Josh D
- December 11 – Jodi H
- December 13 – Leah G
- December 16 – Harold D
- December 27 – Aaron & Kimberly D
- December 29 – Kevin H
- December 29 – Kennedy Z