December 14, 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

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NIV

<u>This Sunday - Morning Worship</u> – *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.

<u>Next Sunday</u> - Morning Worship – God's Love for the Least: Angels Appear to Shepherds from Luke 2:1-20. The angels announce the birth of Jesus, heir of King David, in the city of David, to David's kind of people. God's love blesses the most lowly!

Today's Offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Kingdom Boundaries

Next Sunday's Offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Sioux City Gospel Mission

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Myron

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendants next week: Cole, Clay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 14

9:45 AM – Morning Worship & Lord's Supper 11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Nola VD & Charlie VD**

Monday, December 15

6:30 PM – Consistory

7:00 PM - Council

Sunday, December 21

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

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

- Ken Vos Household of the Week
- Ken & Julie Dragstra
- Charles & Nola Van Driessen Praying with them for their daughter, Rachel Ronsiek

Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for the residents of Hudson Care Center, whom we were blessed to bring Christmas carols last week.
- 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 Nash Koopmans as he continues to receive treatments for his leukemia.

Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Pray for the Teacher's Garden in Africa, that the Lord may bless the growth of this equipping ministry.
- 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 Netherlands Reformed Congregation.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCMENTS

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

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 Monday, December 15, 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.

Don't miss the **Western Christian High School Christmas Concert** at the Western Event Center on Monday, December 15, with the bands and orchestra to begin at 7:00pm and the vocal portion beginning at 8:00pm.

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. We will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, December 17 from 3-7PM and the Rock Valley Wheelchair Ministry Center located at 1800 19th Street. Enjoy some refreshments and learn more about our ministry and how you can get involved. We would love to visit with you.

Groundwork: Out of Darkness and into the Light - Turning on a light changes everything. What changes can we anticipate when Jesus brings his light to our world? Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 2:2-5, John 8:12-19, and John 12:44-50 to discover the significant effects we can expect the presence of the Light of the World to bring in our lives and our world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 16 Harold D
- December 27 Aaron & Kimberly D
- December 29 Kevin H