

December 15, 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

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, 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

Today – Hannah longed for the blessing of a son. She cried out to the Lord and He gave her Samuel. ***Hannah: The Mother of Prayer*** from 1 Samuel 1:1-20 is the account of one mother’s prayer as a picture of the Lord’s people longing for the gift of the anointed King.

Next Sunday – The next “miracle mother” is ***Elizabeth: The Mother of Grace*** from Luke 1:5-25. The Lord gave John the Baptist as a son to barren Zechariah and Elizabeth. God’s gift calls us to prepare for the coming of God’s Son, our Savior Jesus.

Today’s offerings: Tuition Assistance / Sioux Center Food Pantry

Next Sunday’s offerings: Benevolent Fund / Sioux City Gospel Mission

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Myron, Carly

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

Sound Booth attendant next week: Rick, Cole, Addy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who ordered egg rolls - ***thank you!*** They will be available in the church kitchen freezer on December 21. Cost was \$15 per dozen. Make checks payable to Pastor Bob for your order. Proceeds go to Siouxland Unity Church.

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 - Communion – December 15 Morning Worship

- **Christmas Day Worship – December 25, 9:30 AM**

- Installation Service – January 5 Morning Worship

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

Sunday, December 22

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11:00 AM – Sunday School

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Myron Gradert and Julie Dragstra as they prepare to serve as elder and deacon on our council.
- Pray that the Lord will provide for our church ministry and mission to fund our budget for 2025.
- Remember Willie Dragstra and Greta 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. Take note of their latest newsletter for prayer concerns.
- Pray for the Lord to guide our denomination. The CRCNA has both great opportunities and complicated challenges. Pray that the Lord would give wise minds and faithful hearts to our leadership.
- 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 – Free Grace Reformed Congregation, Pastor Mark Schwarz.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Unity Christian FFA** is hosting their **annual soup supper** on Monday, December 16 from 4:30-6:30 pm prior to our **Music Department Christmas Concert** at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donation.

The **Western Christian High School Christmas Concert** will be held on Monday, December 16 at the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center at 7:00pm. The concert will also be live streamed on Youtube.

You are invited to the **Sioux Center Christian School Christmas Instrumental concert** at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm. This concert will feature our 4th – 8th grade orchestras and our 6th – 8th grade bands. A freewill offering will be received for our Music Department.

Youth for Christ in Hawarden is looking for homemade cookies or bars, so they can bless Ireton Christian (5-8th grade students) and West Sioux Middle/High School students with their monthly Snack Giveaway. Cookies are needed no later than the evening of 17 December (this Tuesday). If you can help with 3-4 dozen cookies or a pan or two of bars, please let Roxanne Cook know at rcook@siouxlandyfc.org or 701-269-6352. THANK YOU!

Groundwork: Groundwork: Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the "Everlasting Father." Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. 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
- December 29 – Kennedy Z