

December 17, 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 – *The Justice and Mercy of God* from **Matthew 1:6b-11**. The joy of the Lord will not fail even when our own sin resists God’s ways.

Next Sunday – *The Secret Ways of God* from **Matthew 1:12-17**. God has a purpose for our lives, for our world. That doesn’t mean God’s purpose is obvious, even to those whom God is using for that purpose!

Christmas Day - *God with Us* from **Matthew 1:18-24**. “Immanuel” tells us more than where we find God, where God is “located.” Jesus *stands* with us!

Today’s offerings: Building Fund / Tuition Assistance

Next Sunday’s offering: LOVE, Inc. / Kingdom Boundaries

Christmas offering: Resonate Global Mission

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Jake & Angie Liston

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Cole, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Darin & Amy Noyes

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Dan, Ava

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas caroling will be **Wednesday, December 20th**. Please meet at Crown Pointe at 6:00 pm. There will be pizza afterwards.

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

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – High School Catechism

Sunday, December 24

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Christmas Day, December 25

9:45 AM – Christmas Worship Service

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.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and for the Teacher's Garden.
- 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.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Christ Community Congregation, Pastors Mark Johnson, Carlos Perez.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIES!! YFC are looking for homemade cookies or bars, so they can bless Ireton Christian Middle and West Sioux Middle/High School students with their monthly Snack Giveaway. Cookies are needed no later than the evening of December 19 (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](tel:701-269-6352). THANK YOU!

The Western Christian High School Christmas Concert is Monday, December 18. This will begin at 7:00 PM and held at the **B.J. Haan Auditorium** on the campus of **Dordt University**. Please join us!

SING THE MOZART REQUIEM IN 2024 - The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's Requiem, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning January 9. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

Justice For All is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of needs in MS. We'll also explore the rich history, culture and stories of slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. A day in Branson on the way home will round out a great trip! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804).

From Back to God Ministries International 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 27 – Aaron & Kimberly D
- December 29 – Kevin H
- December 29 – Kennedy Z