

December 21, 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, 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

This Sunday - 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!

Christmas Day Worship – *Where Are the Angels?* Matthew 2:1-12 tells of the Magi and their search for the newborn King. How does God lead us to Jesus?

Next Sunday - Morning Worship – The Church remembers Christ came *and* prepares for Christ to come again. Matthew 24:36-51 explores our question: *How Much Longer?* The service will include the installation of officebearers.

Today’s Offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Sioux City Gospel Mission

Christmas Day Offering: World Renew

Next Sunday’s Offerings: Lebanon Church Budget / New Roots Ministry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darry & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendants today: Cole, Clay

Sound Booth attendants Christmas Day: Cole, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Dan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Next Sunday, we will install Harold Dekkers as Elder and Ashley Dekkers as Deacon. Their terms of service will begin January 1, 2026. We thank Elder Arlo Bonnema and Deacon Darryl Zeutenhorst for their faithful service as they retire from their offices.

Ken Dragstra returned home last Monday after being hospitalized for nearly a week in Sioux Center for care as he continues to recover from his recent hip surgery.

Congratulations to Jacob Dragstra, who completed his coursework last week for graduation from Northwestern College!

Congratulations to Katie Dragstra, who graduated last week from Northwest Iowa Community College with a degree in nursing!

We extend our sympathy to Robert and Val Haverhals at the passing of their brother-in-law, Ed Jansen, of Clara City, Minnesota.

We also extend our sympathy to Jayne and Brian Bremmer, whose brother-in-law, Larry Bremmer, passed away over a week ago in Sioux City.

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 21

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Combined Candlelight Advent Worship at Hawarden CRC

Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM – Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 28

9:45 AM – Morning Worship & Installation of Officebearers

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, January 7 1:30 PM - Ladies' Bible Study Begins
7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study Begins

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayer for Our Members

- Sara Yesda, Caden & Allyson - 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 Siouxland Unity Church and Pastor Keo Phommarath.
- 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 – New Life Reformed Congregation, Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo & Dan Kruse.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Groundwork: The Light of the World Among Us - Together, let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. 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