

**December 22, 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**

*“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God...” - Luke 1:76-78a NIV*

**Today** – 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.

**Christmas Morning** - We gather at **9:30 AM** to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. ***Mary: The Mother of Salvation*** will be from Luke 1:26-38. Mary’s song praises the Lord, whose every promise finds fulfillment in Jesus.

**Next Sunday** – ***Out with the Old - In with the New*** from Luke 2:21-40. With Simeon and Anna, the *past* of God’s leading and promises shapes our welcome of the *future* as we welcome Christ. There is no more fitting way for us to mark the turn of a New Year.

**Today’s offerings: Benevolent Fund / Sioux City Gospel Mission**

Christmas Offering: World Renew

Next Sunday’s offerings: Lebanon Budget / Kingdom Boundaries

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Cole, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendant next week: Arlo, Dan, Ava

### **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!

Church Directories will be out 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.

**Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Study** - We begin weekly meetings on Wednesday, January 8. Ladies meet at 1:30 PM. Men meet at 7:00 PM. We will resume last season’s study from the book of Acts. Join us!

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

- Installation Service – January 5 Morning Worship

- Ladies’ & Men’s Bible Studies - Weekly, beginning January 8

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 22

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

### Wednesday, December 25

9:30 AM – Christmas Worship

### Sunday, December 29

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

## 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 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. Take note of their latest newsletter for prayer concerns.
- Pray for Ireton Christian School and its board as they search for a new administrator. Give thanks for the good leadership Mrs. Megan Kooima has given in her years of service.
- 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.
- Pray for the Lord to call new servants and students to the Ministry of the Word. The need is great! Pray for the work of Calvin Theological Seminary, preparing students for ministry and mission.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Jesucristo El Buen Congregation, Pastor Rodrigo Gonzalez.

## SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hope Haven Presents: The Dueling Duo's** – Come enjoy a Dueling Paino Show on Thursday, January 9 at the District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy an Ryno. This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Purchase tickets: [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events)

**Volunteers needed for Love Inc Classes:** if you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you to give of your time and talents. The main needs are childcare volunteers and Faith & Finances mentors. Training is offered. Please call the Love INC office 712-476-5990 for more information.

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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