

December 24, 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 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!

Next Sunday – *Another Trip Around the Sun* from **Ecclesiastes 1**. We will mark the end of another year and a new one on the horizon. Are we just going in circles? What is the point of life?

Today's offerings: LOVE Inc. / Kingdom Boundaries

Christmas offering: Resonate Global Mission

Next Sunday's offering: Lebanon Budget / Sioux Center Christian School

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darin & Amy Noyes

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Dan, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Myron, Eli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Haverhals submitted to surgery at the Sioux Center Hospital last Thursday to repair a hernia. Greeta Kruid remained in the Sioux Center Hospital for care for COVID and to recover from her recent fall.

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

Ladies' Bible Study and Men's Bible Study will begin Wednesday, January 3. Ladies will meet 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM. The men will meet 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Our weekly meetings will focus on a study of the Book of Acts. Pastor Bob will lead both groups. Join us!

Sunday, January 7, we will install Rick De Boom to the office of elder and Dan Dunn to the office of deacon. Wayne Dekkers and Orlan Gulker will retire as elders and Al Van Wyhe will retire as deacon.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Christmas Day, December 25

9:45 AM – Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 31

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Kevin Haverhals' recovery from surgery.
- Pray for Greeta Kruid's recovery and give thanks for the progress God gave her this past week.
- 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. Sos asks us to pray for Guinea following an incident last week disrupting gasoline supply for their nation.
- 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 the King Catholic Parish, Father Mauro Sanchez.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope Haven's Dueling Duo's: Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show on Thursday, January 11 at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and 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

Hope Haven Presents Dylan Scott: Exciting News! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages on Thursday, March 14 at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Curb Records recording country artist Dylan Scott is a triple threat — a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit; and a family man with a tender heart. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

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 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 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
- January 5 – Myron G
- January 6 – Ethan S
- January 7 – Al VW