

**December 29, 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** – *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.

**Next Sunday** – Morning Worship - On the first Sunday of the New Year 2025 we will install Elder Myron Gradert and Deacon Julie Dragstra. The sermon, *Sharing Christ’s Anointing* will be from Luke 4:14-30 and Lord’s Day 12. The work Jesus Christ came to accomplish is the very same work that continues through the Church.

Evening Faith-Food-Fellowship will meet at 6:00 PM next Sunday evening.

**Today’s offerings: Lebanon Budget / Kingdom Boundaries**

Next Sunday’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / New Roots Ministry

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Sound Booth attendant next week: Caden, Myron, Clay

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wayne Dekkers began a series of 8 radiation treatments last Monday at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He expects to finish these treatments within the next week and a half. Pray that God will use these means to treat his cancer successfully.

THANK YOU to our dear Lebanon Church family for the generous Christmas gift! You continue to bless us as we worship and serve Christ with you year by year. We look forward to our *fifth* year together in 2025! May the Lord bless each of you richly. Gratefully - Pastor Bob & Jan Drenten, Lisa Drenten

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.

Pastor Bob & Jan plan to be away December 31-January 2 next week.

**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** - Installation Service – January 5 Morning Worship

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 29

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

### Sunday, January 5

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Faith, Food & Fellowship

### Wednesday, January 8

1:30 PM – Ladies Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Wayne & Edie Dekkers as Wayne receives radiation treatment for cancer.
- 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 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 – Hope Lutheran Congregation.

## 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: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope** - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord’s Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we’ll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 29 – Kevin H
- December 29 – Kennedy Z