

December 8, 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

“When the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” - Galatians 4:4-5 NIV

Today – The birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah was as unexpected as it was a delight. The Lord’s promised son, an heir to all the Lord gave to Abraham, is God’s gift of life out of death and beyond death. God’s blessing to the world enters our human race by the birth of a promised Son. ***Sarah: The Mother of Laughter*** is based on Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7. We will prepare for holy communion.

This Afternoon - We will gather at **3:00 PM at Crown Pointe’s main entrance** for Christmas caroling. The main entrance is the east entrance of the independent living unit. Afterwards Charles and Nola Van Dreissen invite us to their home for fellowship and pizza.

Next Sunday – Hannah longed for the blessing of a son. She cried out to the Lord and He gave her Samuel. ***Hannah: The Mother of Prayer*** from 1 Samuel 1:1-20 is the account of one mother’s prayer as a picture of the Lord’s people longing for the gift of the anointed King.

Today’s offerings: Steve & Tara Mission Support / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday’s offerings: Tuition Assistance / Sioux Center Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

Sound Booth attendant next week: Caden, Myron, Carly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greta Kruid is recovering from a fall she suffered last Monday at Crown Pointe. We thank God she was spared serious injury. Pray for God to bless her recovery from bruising and pain.

At our congregational meeting last Monday the proposed budget was adopted. Myron Gradert was selected to serve as elder and Julie Dragstra was selected as deacon. Their three-year terms will begin at their installation on Sunday, January 5, at the morning worship service.

Have you signed up for a pledge for the memory verses our Sunday School is learning? Look for the sheet at the church mailboxes!

We will update our church directory 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Christmas Caroling at Crown Pointe Estates – Today at 3:00 PM

- Communion – December 15 Morning Worship

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

- Installation Service – January 5 Morning Worship

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 8

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

3:00 PM – Christmas Caroling at Crown Pointe Estates

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 PM – Elders Meet

7:30 PM – Full Council

Sunday, December 15

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

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 Greeta's recovery.
- 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 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.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – First Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Kurt Monroe.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Unity Christian FFA** is hosting their **annual soup supper** on Monday, December 16 from 4:30-6:30 pm prior to our Music Department Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donation.

You are invited to the **Sioux Center Christian School Christmas Instrumental concert** at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm. This concert will feature our 4th – 8th grade orchestras and our 6th – 8th grade bands. A freewill offering will be received for our Music Department.

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 9 – Josh D
- December 11 – Jodi H
- December 13 – Leah G
- December 16 – Harold D
- December 27 – Aaron & Kimberly D