

December 6, 2020

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

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome Rev. Bob Drenten to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday's offerings: Classical Quotas / Tuition Assistance

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we are taking offering for Classical Quotas. Included in the classical quotas are: Amistad Christiana, Areopagus, Classical Expense Fund, Classical Home Missions, Classical Ministry Leadership Team, Cornerstone Prison Ministry, Dordt College, Geneva Campus, Lakeview/Valentine, New Roots, Prairie Light Project, Siouxland Diaconal Conference, Siouxland Unity CRC, Timothy Leadership, and Youth Ministry.

Next Sunday, we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra as he leads us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will NOT meet today. Classes resume next week.

There will be a time of **fellowship and refreshments after today's service** to visit with the Drentens.

The **Council is looking for several individuals** willing to help run the tech station in the sound booth. This includes recording the service, running the PowerPoint, etc. Training will be provided. Please talk to an elder for more information.

Looking for individuals of all ages to help with leading liturgy, reading passages, and prayers in the **Christmas Praise service on December 20**. Please talk to Joy Steenhoek ASAP to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting: Monday, December 7, at 7:00 pm. Young Peoples will serve Ice Cream Sundaes for free will donation after the meeting. "To-Go" dishes will be available.

Council meeting: December 14. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

A **Christmas Praise service** is planned for Sunday, December 20.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- Praying for our Local Congregations: December 6 – Christ the King Catholic Parish, Father Douglas Klein

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Everyone over 2 years of age should wear a mask. Practice social distancing. No handshakes, or other physical contact.

At the present time we are not offering nursery, but we encourage parents to attend with their children and are welcome to use the nursery for a quiet space during the service if needed.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Unity Christian Music Department will present its Christmas concert this year, “Celebrating the Season.” The concert will be held on Dec. 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Unity’s Knight Center, but the format is yet to be determined. Music students will be given two tickets to distribute to family members for those who are able to come. Concert will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend.

Sioux Center Christian School needs nominations to replace 2 trustees on its board, critical roles for the school’s future. The process starts with constituents making nominations. Any member of the SCCS society (supporters, parents, grandparents, employees, etc.) can make nominations. We invite you to nominate qualified individuals! To learn more about the process, the requirements to be a trustee, and the characteristics the board is seeking, head to <https://bit.ly/37bJzcA> or the link on www.siouxcenterchristian.com. Nominations are accepted through December 14.

Love INC is looking for a class facilitator for their *Boundaries* class that will start in January. The study is based on the book with the same title by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Training and curriculum is provided by Love INC. We are also looking for mentors for our Faith and Finances class. Mentors will walk alongside class participants and help them apply what they learned in class to their personal finances. Requirements are basic understanding of financial management practices and systems, ability to hold people accountable and a passion for helping people develop financially healthy lives. Classes run for 12 weeks between January 19 and April 6 every Tuesday evening. For more information please call the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: The Son of God Became Like Us:

Are the circumstances of Jesus Christ’s birth important? Do they matter for our salvation? The Apostle Paul thinks so. As he writes about the incarnation to the Galatian Christians, Paul makes it clear that the Son of God took on human flesh. He was born the same way and was subject to the same laws as all humans. Join *Groundwork* to discover how these and other small details inform our understanding of Jesus and his rescue mission—the mission that restored relationships and welcomed us into God’s family. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries the Practice of Hospitality: In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as “hospitality” means “love of strangers.” How might your home (whether it’s a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? crcna.org/FaithFormation