

December 13, 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 Mr. Keith Hoekstra to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Classical Quotas / Tuition Assistance

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund/ ATLAS

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we are taking offering for ATLAS. ATLAS is a faith-based, non-profit, community organization existing to help the hurting, equip the followers of Jesus, and unite the community. ATLAS strives to help those in our community who are hurting or are in need by providing a welcoming place of contact, assessing needs, providing resources to meet needs and develop life skills, referring to other professional services as needed, sharing Jesus as the way to everlasting life and lasting change, and providing a connection to a local church.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will meet today. Young Peoples will meet at Zeutenhorsts after the morning service.

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.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those willing to **help with nursery** for families of small children.

The council offered a call to Rev. Bob Drenten. Prayers for him and his family as they seek God's guidance in their response.

Elected to the office of elder is Wayne Dekkers and Orlan Gulker; and deacon is Al Van Whye. Thanks to all the current elders and deacons for their service to Lebanon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Our **Christmas service** will be December 25 at 9:30 am. Rev. Jerry Buwalda will lead us in worship.



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 13 – Church of Christ Congregation, Pastor Dustin Bolks

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

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: Jesus Willingly Humbled Himself:

Do you ever wish there was a way to make the Christmas spirit last all year long? The Apostle Paul would suggest humility is the answer. When Paul wanted to address issues of conflict and division in the Philippian church, he implored them to preserve unity. How could they do so when differences and disagreements inevitably arose? Paul advised them to look to the example of Christ and examine Christ's approach to privilege. Study Paul's message to the Philippians to gain a deeper understanding of the incarnation and what it means to be Christlike. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries the Practice of Hospitality: “. . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? crcna.org/FaithFormation