

December 20, 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

#### Today's offerings: Building Fund / ATLAS

Christmas day offering: World Renew

Next Sunday's offerings: Budget / Hope Haven

**Ministry Spotlight:** Next week we are taking offering for Hope Haven. Hope Haven is a community committed to the special creation of God that is the human being; encouraging the realization of dreams, desires, and aspirations; valuing gifts, talents, and contributions; sharing accountability for individual and community growth.

**Christmas Day**, we welcome Rev. Jerry Buwalda to lead us in worship.

**Next Sunday**, we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra to lead us in worship.

### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Education** will meet today after the morning service.

**Christmas Caroling:** Everyone is invited to go Christmas caroling **this afternoon, December 20**. We will meet at church at **3:00 p.m.** and go to shut ins from our congregation. Dress warmly because more than likely we will be singing outside. We will meet at church afterwards for refreshments.

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.

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

**Installation of new elders and deacons** will be January 3.

**Council meeting** January 11. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

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 20 – Covenant Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Joel Kok

### **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

**Launch Global** thanks Lebanon CRC for their generous donation to support Steve and Tara Dekkers.

**Thank you**, Lebanon CRC family, for sharing this love offering with us to help families in need of housing. Thank you for helping us extend a hand up and God's love; it is a blessing to see God's people care for others in their communities. May you be blessed with His joy and peace as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Blessings ~ Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

**Ireton Christian School** will be hosting its 5th annual ice fishing tournament on January 16, 2021 at Emerson Bay on West Lake Okoboji. More details and registration forms will also be available on the school website at [www.iretonchristianschool.com](http://www.iretonchristianschool.com) or our Facebook event page "ICS 5th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament." Please invite family and friends to participate in the fun with many prizes to be won! For any questions, please contact committee members Mary Hooyer (712-540-3019), Angie Zomermaand (712-441-4337) or Jin-Hee Klompfen (712-463-2732).

Enjoy **Sioux Center Christian School's at Home Christmas Concert** from the comfort of your home! Our TK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students recorded a vocal and instrumental concert that you may watch on YouTube. A link to the concert playlist is at [www.siouxcenterchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com) and will be available through January 5.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: Jesus Christ Came With A Purpose: What is Christmas all about? Some might say, family. Christians hopefully say the birth of Jesus. But is that all? Is that the whole reason we celebrate? The Apostle Paul would urge us to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, but he would also want us to remember *why* Jesus came. As Paul tells Timothy "Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Together, let's study Paul's words to Timothy to deepen our understanding of why the incarnation matters and marvel at the great love that really gives profound meaning to our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)