

December 27, 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: Lebanon Budget / Hope Haven

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Cornerstone Prison Church

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we are taking offering for Cornerstone Prison Church. Cornerstone's vision is to share with the community at the South Dakota State Penitentiary and the surrounding area the life changing love of God through Jesus Christ. Their mission is to help the men at the South Dakota State Penitentiary to develop into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, both for life on the inside and hopefully on the outside of the institution.

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Duane Tinklenberg to lead us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will NOT meet today 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.

Harold and Pam Dekkers would like to thank the Lebanon Church family for the prayers, cards and food that was given to us with the passing of my mom, Mary Reekers. The Lord has surrounded us with people who care and show their love, which was so appreciated. Thank You.

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, and he has accepted this call.

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. Next week Sunday, January 3 they will be installed into their roles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 30 Young Peoples Christmas outing.

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



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 27 – Faith Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastors Bob Pollema & Cliff Hoekstra

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

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 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 Klompier (712-463-2732).

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Focus on Jesus: Our world is full of distractions and tempting “promises” of deliverance from all our earthly woes. But as we celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, it is wise to heed the caution and guidance that the Apostle Paul sent to believers in the city of Colossae. He reminds the Colossians to remember that Jesus Christ is the firstborn over everything. He is the only one worth believing in. There’s no Jesus *and*...it’s only Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, who can save and deliver us from our sins. Paul urges the Colossians and us to remain steadfast and focus on Christ alone. By studying these words of Paul in Advent, we experience anew the great gift of love we receive through Christ’s incarnation and we rediscover the good news that through believing in Jesus Christ we are reborn in faith and have eternal life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries the Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, “True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person.” As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. crcna.org/FaithFormation