

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Grow Groups ~ 6 p.m.**

**December 16, 2018**

**Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! The mission of Lebanon CRC is to live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.**

**Today's offerings: Building Fund / Hope Haven**

Next Sunday's offerings: Benevolence Fund / Justice For All

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Jake & Angie Liston / Nursery next Sunday: Darin & Amy Noyes

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Cory & Arla Van Sloten

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: John & Joanne Cave

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Sunday school (Christmas program practice) and catechism classes** meet following morning worship today. Parents, please have your children and young people regularly attend, in keeping with the promises that you and the congregation made to each other at baptism.

**The children's Christmas program** will be tonight at 6 p.m. Join us as our children lead us in celebrating Christmas!

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (December 4 & 18) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**Next Sunday**, December 23, we will be Christmas caroling in place of Evening Worship/Grow Groups. We will carol at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden at 3:15 p.m.; Royale Meadows Care Center in Sioux Center at 4:15 p.m.; Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sioux Center at 4:45 p.m.; and at Adrian and Greeta Kruid's at 5:15 p.m. Following caroling, all are invited to Charlie & Nola Van Driessen's for snacks and fellowship.

**New directory** forms have been placed in your mailbox. Please make necessary corrections, additions and deletions to your information and return them to Lydia Korthuis' mailbox by next Sunday, December 23.

**Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive:** This calendar is by the mailboxes. Each day in December through Christmas Eve, add the designated food item. Food items may be brought to the small classroom at the bottom of the steps to the basement. All food items collected will be brought to the Hawarden Food Pantry.

**New officebearers**, deacons Ashley Dekkers and Jaron Van Beek and elder Dan Dunn, will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, December 30 during morning worship.

**Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons)** will next meet Monday, January 7; consistory at 6:30 p.m. and council at 7:30 p.m. As always, direct any questions or concerns to an elder or deacon or Pastor Cory.

## **Congregational Prayers and Praises**

\*For our shut-ins:

Elmer Bonnema

Resides at Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sioux Center

Adrian Kruid

Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta

Severt & Christina Vander Esch Reside at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

\*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

\*For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

\*For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace

\*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

\*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

\*For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

\*For Josh and Leah and baby Gradert, due in January

## **Other Announcements**

**Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway** is Tuesday, December 18. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Tom Cook at (701) 269-6259 or [tom@siouxlandyfc.org](mailto:tom@siouxlandyfc.org) and plan to provide the goodies on Monday, December 17.

**Justice For All** is planning their 2019 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX ~ January 18-26 (must have a passport); JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson, MS ~ February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS ~ February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, UT ~ March 16-23. For more information please contact Luke Grooters at (712) 476-2804 or [lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out the JFA website at [www.jfa-nwiowa.org](http://www.jfa-nwiowa.org).

### **From Back to God Ministries International**

The Covenant Fulfilled: Christmas is the culmination and fulfillment of God's promise. Join Groundwork as we explore the whispers of Christmas in Ezekiel 16:59-60, Luke 22:19-20, and Hebrews 8:7-10 to grasp the magnitude of God's grace in Christ's birth and the importance of remembering God's covenant at Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip: On this third Sunday in Advent, spend some time talking about the many ways God shows that he loves us, including sending his own Son. List as many ways as you can. Then talk about how your family can show that you love each other and how you can show love to your friends and neighbors.

### **From World Renew**

Jesus is Abundant Life: Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, who was born to bring us salvation. Give the powerful gift of Uzima, "fullness of life," (John 10:10) to someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas—a goat, a plow, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call (800) 333-8300 to order.

### **From CRC Communications**

Synod 2018 encouraged congregations, classes, ministries and agencies of the Christian Reformed Church in North America to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic and influential Synod of Dordt, which met in Dordrecht, The Netherlands from November 13, 1618 through May 29, 1619. The Meeter Center for Calvin Studies at Calvin College has brought together a vast array of materials and information about the Synod of Dordt and its impact at the following website: [calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/about-the-synod-of-dordt/](http://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/about-the-synod-of-dordt/). Dordt College also has a website dedicated to celebrating the Synod of Dordt at [synod.dordt.edu/index.html](http://synod.dordt.edu/index.html).