

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Christmas Caroling ~ 3:15 p.m. December 23, 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: Benevolence Fund / Justice For All**

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Hope Haven

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Darin & Amy Noyes / Nursery next Sunday: Joe & Alissa Richardson

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

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## **Congregational Announcements**

**No Sunday school and catechism classes** following morning worship today or next Sunday, December 30. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

**Thank you** to the children and young people, along with their teachers and leaders, for a wonderful Christmas program last Sunday evening!

**Today**, 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 p.m.; Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sioux Center at 4:30 p.m.; and at Adrian and Greeta Kruid's at 5 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 today, 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 by next Sunday, December 30. All food items collected will be brought to the Hawarden Food Pantry.

**Christmas worship** will be Tuesday, December 25 at 9:45 a.m. An offering will be received for Resonate Global Mission, the global mission agency of the CRCNA ([resonateglobalmission.org](http://resonateglobalmission.org)). O come, let us adore him!

**New officebearers**, deacons Ashley Dekkers and Jaron Van Beek and elder Dan Dunn, will be ordained and/or installed next 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.

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (second and fourth Tuesday in January, January 8 & 22, due to the first Tuesday being January 1) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

## **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

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

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

## **Other Announcements**

**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).

**Cornerstone Prison Church's next Faith Fellowship Weekend** will be on Friday, January 25 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27 from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the theme of "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part or all of the weekend. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call (507) 215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

**Ireton Christian School's Fall Drive** has received \$36,000 of their \$60,000 goal. This drive is for three specific needs: technology infrastructure, a security entry system, and a newer school bus for the west route. Please consider supporting this drive in your year-end giving. Thank you on behalf of the Ireton Christian School Board.

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

Christmas Remixed: Did you know the book of Revelation tells the Christmas story? It's true. Complete with dragons and intense drama. Study Revelation 12 with Groundwork see the cosmic perspective on Christ's birth and purpose revealed through the Apostle John's vision. 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 fourth Sunday in Advent, retell the events leading up to Jesus' birth using the figures in your nativity scene. Don't have one? Use Lego or Playmobil people and blocks to make your own. Choose a narrator to read Luke 2:1-20 as the rest of you reenact the story.

### **From World Renew**

Jesus was Born for This: God offers us abundant life through His son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas this week, include a gift for someone in need through the World Renew Gift Catalog. Your gift of a wheelchair, a sewing machine, or an adult literacy class is the best gift someone who lives in poverty, injustice, or disaster will receive this year. Go to [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) to give 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).