

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

**December 30, 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: General Fund / Hope Haven**

Next Sunday's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / ATLAS Orange City Area

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Joe & Alissa Richardson / Nursery next Sunday: Wes & Donna Searcy

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Rick & Kay De Boom

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## **Congregational Announcements**

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

**No Sunday school and catechism classes** today. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6, 2019.

**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 30, if you haven't already done so.

**Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive:** Food items may be brought to the small classroom at the bottom of the steps to the basement by today, December 30. All food items collected will be brought to the Hawarden Food Pantry.

**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.

**Thank you** for your love and prayers while Orlan was recently hospitalized! Orlan & Evie Gulker

## **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**

**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**

Inquiring Minds Want to Know: What happened to Joseph? Who was Julia? How do I reconcile women in church leadership with 1 Timothy 2:11-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:33-35? Is it right to denigrate other religions or churches? Join us as we study scripture together to answer the questions you've asked Groundwork this year. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Family Faith Formation Tip: As one year ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what's coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home!

### **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).