

December 5, 2021

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

“For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! May you find the Lord of hope fills you with joy and peace in this season of Advent.

This morning the series focused on Joseph continues. “God’s Command: Joseph the Faithful” will be from Matthew 1:18-25. The faithfulness of Joseph serves to reveal the faithfulness of God.

This evening our series from the Heidelberg Catechism will focus on the names of the Son of God confessed in the Apostles’ Creed. “The Family of God,” from Galatians 3:23-4:7 and Lord’s Days 11-13 considers the impact of those names on our relationship with God. How does God want us to view our relationship with him?

Next Sunday morning our attention turns to Mary. Can we hear the wonder and joy in Mary’s confusion, “How can this be?” Joseph is part of that picture, part of Mary’s confusion. “God Incarnate: Joseph the Witness” explores the wonder of Gabriel’s visit to Mary from Luke 1:26-38.

Next Sunday evening we gather at Lebanon Church with Ireton and Hawarden CRCs for an Advent service of Lessons and Carols, at 6:00 PM.

Today’s offerings: Dekkers Mission / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday’s offerings: Denominational Ministry Shares / Youth for Christ

Ministry Spotlight: Our offering next week will be for Youth for Christ. YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Dan & Dana Dunn

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Josh & Leah Gradert

December Special Music – Ken & Julie Dragstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following were selected by lot for three-year terms: Jerry Steenhoek as elder; Barry Haverhals and Val Haverhals as deacons. Lord willing, they will be installed to office on January 2, 2022, in the morning worship service.

The council will meet with our church visitors, Rev. Joel Kok and Elder Len Rhoda, on December 15 at 6:30 PM. Church visitors meet periodically with councils to offer advice and to encourage health in a church's ministry and life.

Sunday evening schedule through April 2022 – evening services will be held on the **First** and **Third** Sunday’s for 6:00pm worship. The **Second** Sunday will be Grow Groups.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

– Sunday School & High School Catechism

6:00 PM – Evening Worship

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6:00 PM - Lebanon hosts a Lessons and Carols Advent Service. Hawarden and Ireton Christian Reformed Churches will join us for worship.

Monday, December 13

7:00 PM – Congregational Meeting – Youth Group will serve Ice Cream Sundae’s in the basement following the meeting. Free will donation.

Sunday, December 19

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

No evening service

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian & Greeta Kruid at home in Sioux Center
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- Pray Christ inspires our wonder as we turn attention to Bethlehem this season. Pray that Christ builds our hope in his promised return.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers in College Station, TX. Pray that the Lord continues to open doors of opportunity to share the gospel.
- Pray for Sos and Kara in Guinea, West Africa, specifically for their need to raise a greater share of their financial support for the coming year.
- Pray for college students who are facing deadlines and final exams in the coming days.
- Pray for safety as this fall’s fieldwork is finished.
- Pray for Rev. Scott Van Voorst and Cornerstone Prison Church. Give thanks for a good start to his ministry there.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Peace Lutheran Church, Pastor Bill Loeffke.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School’s Fall Musical “Not Your Average Joe” will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 PM in the school’s gym. Come for a night of great entertainment hearing about the story of Joseph with a 50’s twist.

The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to an evening of music focused on the birth of Jesus Christ on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra. Come and support the Unity Christian FFA Program by attending their soup supper on December 9 from 4:30 – 7:00 in the cafeteria. Cost is a freewill donation. Please stay for the Christmas Concert after you eat!

Monday, December 13, The Western Christian High School Christmas Concert is at 7:00pm in their Event Center.

Youth for Christ invites you to our free Annual Open House Soup Luncheon on Tuesday, 7 December from 11:30am -1pm at the Teen Center here in Hawarden (1305 23rd St). This is in appreciation for all you do for Siouxland YFC in Sioux Co/Hawarden. For more information, please contact Tom @ 701-269-6259.

Pianist Dr. Thomas Van Soelen and cellist Meghan McGuire will perform together at 6 PM on Sunday, December 19 at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. The concert will feature music from a variety of traditions, including special arrangements of Christmas carols. The concert is free and open to the public and will feature a freewill offering supporting The Family Crisis Center.

The Dordt University Chorale will present “A Service of Lessons and Carols” Sunday, December 5 at 8:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Lessons from Scripture will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by Theatre, Communications, and Music faculty members and an array of accompanying instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream .