

December 15, 2019

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / No evening service

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: Steve & Tara Dekkers family / Justice For All

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek / Nursery next Sunday: Jaron & Kadee Van Beek

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Aaron & Kim Dekkers

Congregational Announcements

Church education for children and young people (preschool through high school) is on break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5.

Elected to the office of elder was Verlyn Dekkers and to the office of deacon was Josh Gradert. They will attend diaconate/consistory/council meetings in December and be ordained and/or installed on Sunday morning, December 29.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on Tuesday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. Come and go as you please.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Tuesday, December 17; 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.

Christmas Caroling: The Graceful Givers will be hosting an evening of Christmas caroling on December 22. We will begin caroling at Oak Hill in Hawarden at 4:30 p.m., and then head to Sioux Center and go to a few homes. We will then go to Royal Meadows & Crown Pointe at approximately 6:30 p.m. We plan to go to Lebanon for pizza and snacks afterwards. Please join us at any point during the evening. If you want to find out where we are at certain times so you can join us, feel free to call Kay (712) 441-6004 or Evie (712) 441-5168.

Directory change sheets are in your mailboxes. Please update and return to Sara Yesda's mailbox.

Advance Announcements

Christmas service at Lebanon will be Christmas morning at 9:45 a.m.

Congregational Prayers and Praises

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greta
 - Christina Vander Esch Resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For our church, that we would live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby boy Van Beek, due in January
- For Derek Bonnema and Alexa Schut, engaged to be united in covenant marriage April 18
- For Joseph and Francis and baby Cave, due in April

Additional Announcements

Ireton Christian School is having a soup supper Tuesday, December 17 from 5-7 p.m. Come and enjoy a variety of soups (chicken, chili, and potato) along with taverns, cones and hot dogs as well as desserts. Free will donation to benefit ICS.

Justice For All is planning their 2020 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! Places and dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, Mexico, January 17-24; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson Mississippi, February 8-14; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, Mississippi, February 15-21; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, Utah, March 14-20. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or to sign up for a project, please contact Nick Leloux at nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org or (712) 476-2804. To attend an informational meeting, come to the JFA Ministry Center, Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.

Justice For All is excited to invite you on a Discovery Bus Tour April 21-28! This tour will focus on our ministry partners in Utah: Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. Come along, see and experience how God is shining his love and light through these amazing ministries to the FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) communities. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joel De Wit at (712) 476-2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. Seats are filling up, so respond soon.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

Monday, December 16: Western Christian Music Department will present their annual Christmas Concert at 7:00pm in Western's Event Center. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. In addition to great music, we will have a bake sale that evening to help support the arts at Western.

Tuesday, December 17: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC from 9:10am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Thursday, December 19: Don't miss the Sioux Center Christian School's TK-4th Grade Christmas Program at 7pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University campus. The TK-K students will begin the program with songs of Advent and Christmas, and the 1st-4th grade students will present "Light of the World," a musical written by Mark Patterson. Come join us for a musical celebration of Christ's birth with songs from around the world!

Advance Announcements

Friday, January 17 – Sunday, January 19: Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls is holding a Faith Fellowship Weekend. Friday will be from 6-8pm and Saturday and Sunday will be from 7:15am-4pm. The theme is "Year of Grace" based on Titus 3:3-8. Join us for worship, large group talks, and small group discussions. Deadline for signing up is Monday, December 30. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. For more information or to sign up, please contact office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670.

Requested Announcements

Have you visited Outlet 75 yet? This retail store on the south side of Sioux Center (4175 US 75) is filled with NEW brand-name clothing and shoes for women, men, and children PLUS an amazing selection of NEW home decor and furniture. Every purchase supports the mission of Sioux Center Christian School! They're open weekly on Wednesdays from 11am - 8pm and Thursdays from 11am - 3pm. PLUS they are going to be open the NEXT TWO Saturdays (Dec. 14 & 21) from 9am - Noon!!

Outlet 75 is also a FUN place to volunteer! Shifts available on Wed., Thurs. and occasional Saturdays. Tasks including unpacking new inventory, putting items on display, and helping customers at check-out. If you're willing to be on the volunteer list, email info@shopoutlet75.com or chat with a manager when you're there.