

December 8, 2019

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Lessons & Carols Service ~ 3 p.m.

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: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Tuition Assistance Fund

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Hope Haven

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Wes & Donna Searcy / Nursery next Sunday: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

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

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

Congregational Announcements

Church education for children and young people (preschool through high school) continues today after morning worship. 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.

Lessons and Carols Service is today, December 8 at 3 p.m. This will serve as our Christmas program this year

Sara Yesda is our new church secretary. May God bless you Sara as you serve in this role! Thank you Lydia Korthuis for your service as church secretary over the past three years! Bulletin announcements may be sent to Sara at LebanonCRCsecretary@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Thank you for supporting the Youth Group Ice Cream Sundae fundraiser after the Congregational Meeting last week.

Congregational Prayers and Praises

*For our shut-ins:

Adrian Kruid Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta

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

Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, December 10. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Roxanne Cook at (701) 269-6352 or rcook@siouxlandyfc.org and plan to provide the goodies to Roxanne on Monday, December 9.

Unity Christian High School is hosting the Selah Christmas Tour on Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Unity office or online at itickets.com/events/418923.html.

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.

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Wonderful Counselor ~ In the famous passage Isaiah 9:6, the prophet begins by describing the Messiah as a Wonderful Counselor. As we look toward Jesus Christ's birth, join us in studying Isaiah 9:2-6, John 14:15-17, and John 16:12-15 to discover the divine wisdom and help us receive from Jesus Christ our Messiah. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.reframedmedia.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: During Advent, we light the candle of Peace. Through Jesus Christ, God gives us peace. In what area of your life do you most need God's peace? How might you be a peacemaker this week? Wonder and talk about that this week. crcna.org/FaithFormation

From World Renew

Volunteer Overseas with a Group ~ Are you a compassionate, respectful, adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

Changing the Story of Poverty in Bangladesh ~ Join World Renew and the girls of Bangladesh in bringing fresh opportunity, income, health, and justice to 25,000 people. Thanks to One Day's Wages, every dollar donated in the United States can get matched until we raise \$200,000 together. And, when you give through One Day's Wages, your gift doubles. This match ends December 24, so bring hope for the women of Bangladesh today at onedayswages-worldrenew.funraise.org.