

December 29, 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.*

“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.” - Psalm 40:3

Today’s offerings: Lebanon Budget / New Roots

Next Sunday’s offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Sioux Center Christian School

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen / Nursery next Sunday: Jason & Amanda Van Driessen

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Harry & Pam Dekkers

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

Congregational Announcements

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

Ordination/Installation this morning to the office of elder is Verlyn Dekkers, and to the office of deacon is Josh Gradert. Thanks to Rick De Boom and Dan Gradert for their commitment to Lebanon as outgoing council members.

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

Advance Announcements

Fellowship Coffee will be held the **1st Sunday evening of the month** following evening worship service.

January 5, 2020 fellowship coffee hostesses: Karel Dekkers and Arla Van Sloten.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on January 7 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:
 - Adrian Kruid - Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
 - Christina Vander Esch - Resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For Ken Dragstra, recovering from knee surgery
- 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

Soup/sandwich/dessert supper at Unity Christian High School on Friday, Jan. 10. Sponsored by the sophomore class, serving from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Free will donation for the sophomore class.

The award-winning *January Series* of Calvin University is coming to Sioux Center. From January 8 through January 28, 2020, Covenant Christian Reformed Church will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM each weekday. The 15 speakers will offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant topics including poverty and hunger, the global water crisis, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, and big data's inequality and threat to democracy. The lectures are free and open to the public. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/2020-speakers/>.

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.

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: What does it mean to declare and proclaim Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Considering the present brokenness and pain in our world, when can we expect this peace to prevail? Discover the meaning of this final title Isaiah gives the Messiah and find out how we can cling to God's promises of a kingdom with eternal peace even now when our lives and the world around us seem anything but peaceful. 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.reframedia.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: As the year draws to a close, gather as a family or with friends to reflect on the events of the past 12 months and tell stories of how God guided, protected, convicted, loved, and provided for you. Hearing each other's stories is one of the best ways to grow in faith! 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