

January 5, 2020

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Worship ~ 6:00 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: Maletoungou Mission / Sioux Center Christian School

Next Sunday's offerings: Denominational Quotas / Cornerstone Prison Church

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Broc & Sara Yesda / Nursery next Sunday: Jason & Amanda Van Driessen

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

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

Congregational Announcements

Church education for children and young people (preschool through high school) resumes 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.

Fellowship Coffee will be held after the evening service today. Hostesses are Karel Dekkers and Arla Van Sloten.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on Tuesday, 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.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, January 19: Brett Roby, Hope Haven resident and Western Christian superfan will be our monthly discipleship special speaker after morning worship.

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 Pastor Cory as he transitions into his new role with the military
- 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

Thank you for your recent gift towards our ministry! This past year has been one full of joy and new ministry opportunities. We recently opened the doors of the Teacher's Garden, a Christian education resource center where teachers can come to "grow" in their professions through access to computers and a library for research, teaching materials, discussion groups, Bible study, trainings, and the like. Please pray with us in the New Year as we continue to walk alongside local teachers and school administrators as they seek to help their students learn and grow in their knowledge of God's Word and his world. ~ Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

Soup/sandwich/dessert supper at Unity Christian High School on Friday, January 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: When Jesus Christ declared "I AM the light of the world," the religious leaders of his day were enraged. But why would anyone be angry about light? Light is good. It illuminates darkness and we need it to see. Join *Groundwork* as we dig into the original context of Jesus' statement and gain a deeper appreciation for the significance of Jesus' words—both for his original audience and for our lives today. Be encouraged that the light of Christ will always break through the darkness in our lives and world. 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.reframemedia.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God's hand. 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