

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Worship ~ 6 p.m.

January 6, 2019

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 / ATLAS Orange City Area

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou's / 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: Aaron & Kim Dekkers

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

Congregational Announcements

Sunday school and catechism classes meet following morning worship today. 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.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will meet Monday, January 7; 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.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (second and fourth Tuesday in January, January 8 & 22, due to the first Tuesday being January 1) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

Pastor Cory and Arla are (Lord willing!) going to Israel January 12-21. Reverend Duane Tinklenberg will provide pulpit supply next Sunday morning, January 13; Reverend Jordan Helming will do so on Sunday morning, January 20. Those two Sunday evenings, we will continue our Grow Groups study on the book of James (LifeWay.com/JamesStudy). We will gather in the sanctuary together at 6 p.m. for the Week 8 and 9 videos in this 13-week study and then breakout into small groups for discussion. Nursery is provided for little ones and supervision is provided for preschool – 1st grade in the small classroom at the bottom of the basement steps while small groups meet. All other children and young people are welcome and encouraged to join a small group.

Congregational Prayers and Praises

*For our shut-ins:

Elmer Bonnema

Resides at Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sioux Center

Adrian Kruid

Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta

Severt & Christina Vander Esch Reside at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

*For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

*For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace

*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

*For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

*For Josh and Leah and baby Gradert, due in January

Other Announcements

Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, January 8. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Tom Cook at (701) 269-6259 or tom@siouxlandyfc.org and plan to provide the goodies on Monday, January 7.

Justice For All is planning their 2019 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! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX ~ January 18-26 (must have a passport); JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson, MS ~ February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS ~ February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City, UT ~ March 16-23. For more information please contact Luke Grooters at (712) 476-2804 or lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org. You can also check out the JFA website at www.jfa-nwiowa.org.

Ireton Christian School is hosting its 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, January 19 at Emerson Bay on West Lake Okoboji. More information and registration forms are available at the link on the homepage of the school's website: iretonchristianschool.com. For questions, please contact Mary Hooyer at (712) 540-3019 or mary.hooyer@yahoo.com.

Unity Christian High School is hosting the Selah Tour (rescheduled from December 1) featuring Selah and Geoffrey Andrews on Saturday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets, which are \$23, are on sale online until they are gone at the following link: itickets.com/events/402864.html. Prior to the concert, there is a dinner in the gymnasium from 5:20 – 6:40 p.m. This dinner requires an RSVP to the school office at (712) 737-4114. It is a catered meal for a free-will donation and is replacing the Hostess Supper that has taken place in the past. If you had tickets to the concert on December 1, they are still valid. If you RSVP'd to attend the dinner on December 1, please confirm with the school office that you still plan to attend.

Cornerstone Prison Church's next Faith Fellowship Weekend will be on Friday, January 25 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27 from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the theme of "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. We would be happy to have you join us for part or all of the weekend. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call (507) 215-3670. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7.

From Back to God Ministries International

All You Need: If you spend any time watching TV or trolling the internet, you'll quickly discover there's a lot you just can't live without... at least according to advertisers. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's reminder to early Christians and to us in 1 Thessalonians 1 that in Christ we have all we need in life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: It's true that that faith is "caught" just as much as it's "taught." Kids will learn to value Bible reading more if you let them "catch" you reading God's Word on your own—not just in church or during family devotions. Talk with them about what you're reading and how it connects with your daily life. crcna.org/FaithFormation

From CRC Communications

Synod 2018 encouraged congregations, classes, ministries and agencies of the Christian Reformed Church in North America to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the historic and influential Synod of Dordt, which met in Dordrecht, The Netherlands from November 13, 1618 through May 29, 1619. The Meeter Center for Calvin Studies at Calvin College has brought together a vast array of materials and information about the Synod of Dordt and its impact at the following website: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/about-the-synod-of-dordt/. Dordt College also has a website dedicated to celebrating the Synod of Dordt at synod.dordt.edu/index.html.