

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

January 13, 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: Maletoungou's / Hope Haven

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare

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: Harry & Pam Dekkers

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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.

Tonight, 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 video 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.

Church committees (on the back of the bulletin cover) are being updated. If you are currently serving on a committee and do not desire to continue serving, please inform the committee chair(s) or Pastor Cory. If you are not currently serving on a committee and desire to do so, please inform the committee chair(s) 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.

Men's Bible Study will be Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., January 23 – March 27, using ten video sessions from FamilyLife's *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood*. All men from the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come and welcome and encouraged to invite other men to join us! familylife.com/stepping-up/home

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Monday, February 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.

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

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.

Love INC of Sioux County will be starting its Love & Learn classes again on Tuesday, January 22! We will be offering four classes: Parenting (a faith-based curriculum that centers on healthy parenting skills); Grief Share (help and encouragement after the death of a loved one); Faith & Finances (practical budgeting and money management with optional mentorship); and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life while setting goals to live out God-given potential). If you or someone you know could benefit from these classes, please call the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990 for more information or to register. LoveINCSiouxCounty.org

Love INC of Sioux County needs volunteers for its Love & Learn classes. If you have a heart for helping others, we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities to serve include child care, small group discussion leaders, financial mentors, prayer partners and so much more! Please call the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990 to find out more about ways to serve your neighbors here in Sioux County! LoveINCSiouxCounty.org

From Back to God Ministries International

Pleasing God, Not People: Should we really trust all pastors equally? What qualifies a person to share the gospel message? Join Groundwork as we examine 1 Thessalonians 2 to discover Paul's teaching on authority and the importance of our discernment, motivation, and responsibility for the gospel message. 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 easy for kids to think of Bible people like Moses as David as mythical characters rather than real, flesh and blood, flawed people. When you read Bible stories where the main character does something wrong (and there are many!), emphasize that God works through imperfect people, even when they make mistakes. And share stories with your kids of how God is at work in your own imperfect 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.