

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

January 20, 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: Building Fund / Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Sioux County Youth for Christ

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Jaron & Kadee Van Beek / Nursery next Sunday: Charlie & Nola 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

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.

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, 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 is 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 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 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! Remaining dates and places are: 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.

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

Unity Christian High School's Homecoming 2019 is Friday, January 25. Unity alumnus from the class of 2009, Nathan Nieuwendorp, will speak at the Homecoming chapel at 1:30 p.m. followed by the presentation of the Homecoming court. Evening activities, beginning at 6 p.m., include girls and boys basketball games, presentation of Homecoming royalty, and dance team performances. All alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to the afternoon and evening activities.

Inspiration Hills is hosting a single mother's retreat Friday evening, February 1 to Sunday afternoon, February 3. Do you know a single mom that you could bless with this retreat? Would you like to serve on the support team for the retreat? Go to inspirationhills.org/single-mothers-retreat.html for more information, registration options, and support team applications. Registration deadline is Friday, January 25 and support team training is Sunday, January 27 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.

From Back to God Ministries International

Genuine Faith Influences Behavior: There's no doubt the Apostle Paul believes the Gospel message changes people. But Paul argues that change is not just internal, it's external and it influences all aspects of life. Join Groundwork as we explore 1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:12 to see how our faith in Jesus Christ affects our behavior. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: In *Families at the Center of Faith Formation*, John Roberto shares eight things that form faith in the home: caring relationships; celebrating the liturgical seasons; celebrating rituals and milestones; learning the Christian tradition and applying it to life; prayer, devotions, and spiritual formation; reading the Bible; serving and working for justice; and worshiping God. How is your family doing? What would you like to focus on more in this new year? 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.