

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Discipleship ~ 6 p.m. January 27, 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: General Fund / Sioux County Youth for Christ

Next Sunday's offerings: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Hawarden Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen / Nursery next Sunday: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Rob & Val Haverhals

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 study on the book of James (LifeWay.com/JamesStudy). We will gather in the sanctuary together at 6 p.m. for the Week 9 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. Refreshments will be served following small group discussion by Karel Dekkers and Arla Van Sloten.

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.

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

Next Sunday, February 3, following morning worship, the Football Sunday 2019 video will be shown in the sanctuary. This 30 minute evangelistic media presentation points unapologetically toward Jesus and features testimonies from Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins, New Orleans Saints linebacker Demario Davis, and Denver Broncos quarterback Case Keenum and is hosted by New Orleans Saints tight end Benjamin Watson. footballsunday.com

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (February 5 & 19) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

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

*Derek and Kylie and Remmy and Bri and baby Koenen due in March

*For Joseph and Francis Cave, waiting on Francis' visa to return to America

Other Announcements

One Body One Hope Education Team is selling homemade freezer meals to raise funds for their teacher sponsorship program, which supports the teachers serving at their partner school in Liberia. If you would like to order, please go to the following link: <http://onebodyonehope.org/blog/2019/1/17/one-body-one-table>. Please order by Monday, January 28. Meals will be ready for pick-up at local schools on Friday, February 8. Thank you for supporting our teachers as they train up the next generation in Liberia! One Body One Hope Education Team: Lisa Mouw, Gwen Marra, Karl Kaemingk, Dana Broers, Mark Kauk, Suzanne Nelson, Cheri Horstman, Vicki Franken.

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: JVMP Perkins 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.

Dordt College's Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service is hosting singer-songwriter and modern-day hymn writer Sandra McCracken as part of the First Mondays Speaker Series on Monday, February 4. The events are 11 a.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium as she speaks on "A Song Writer's Journey through the Psalms" and an 8 p.m. concert, "Singing the Songs of Lament." Both events are free and open to the public. More information and a link to concert tickets, which are free but required, are available at the Andreas Center Facebook page.

Love INC of Sioux County presents "Love and Laugh" at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley on Saturday, February 9. The doors for this dinner theater style event will open at 5 p.m. to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30 p.m. and an improvisational comedy show by Slap Happy Comedy at 7 p.m.. The Slap Happy Comedy team, a Christian two-man duo, brings a clean, high energy, hilarious, interactive comedy experience that will involve the entire audience and guarantees fun for the entire family. Tickets are \$30 each. Please RSVP for individual tickets or a table of eight by calling the Love INC office at (712) 476-5990.

The Ireton CRC Christian Education Unit is hosting a "Trivia Night" Theme supper on Monday, February 18 at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to come and enjoy a yummy smoked pork loin meal. Free will donation to support our Christian Education Unit. Dress casual and get your thinking caps on! Please RSVP to Angie Zomermaand at ryangie@frontiernet.net if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there! Thanks!!

Ireton Christian School will be having a Band/Ensemble concert for all families, friends, and supporters of ICS students on Thursday, February 28 at 5:00 PM. This was added because the Fall Band concert was cancelled. There will be a reception to follow. Please come and hear our Jr. High Band/Ensemble perform!

Classis Iakota Home Missions Committee asks for your prayers as we seek to plant two new churches. Pray for God's blessing on the preparations being made this year to open West Edge CRC in Sioux Falls in 2020. Recently five committee members made an exploratory trip to Chamberlain/Oacoma, South Dakota where they saw many opportunities to serve that community with an active ministry leading to a church plant in the near future. Thank you for your prayers as we watch what God will do through us to bring people to Jesus.

From Back to God Ministries International

Understanding Death and Christ's Return: Many of us find the subject of death uncomfortable. It doesn't need to be. Study 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 with Groundwork to remember the hope we have and grasp the clarity Paul provides regarding a Christian understanding of death and why it relates directly to Christ's return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: Make faith formation a part of birthday celebrations this year. Thank God for the birthday person and share some of the ways that person blesses your family and others. Talk about the unique gifts God has given him or her. Or pass birthday candles out to family members and ask them to name one thing they love about the birthday person before placing the candle on the cake. Affirmation is the best birthday gift of all! crcna.org/FaithFormation