

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

February 3, 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: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Mid-Sioux Opportunity

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema / Nursery next Sunday: Katie Bonnema

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Derek & Kylie Koenen

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.

Today, 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

Directory 2019. There is a copy of our new directory on the mailbox table. Please review your information to make sure it is correct.

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.

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 any day now

*For Derek and Kylie and Remy and Brie and baby Koenen, due in March

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

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.

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. To register for concert tickets, which are free but required, go to: sandramccrackenconcert.eventbrite.com.

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.

Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, February 12. 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, February 11.

Ireton Christian School's education partners are hosting a "Cupcakes for a Cause" fundraiser. Orders are due by February 6. Flavors are as follows: Oreo, Peanut Butter, Vanilla, Chocolate/Chocolate and Red Velvet. Mix and match as you like. 1 dozen minimum order with a suggested donation of \$20/dozen. We plan to be at Ireton Christian School with your cupcakes on February 13-just in time for your valentine! Please support Christian education and give your sweetie a sweet treat. If you have any questions or would like to place and order you can contact Alissa Richardson, or email chris.vanbeekRNBSN@gmail.com.

Northwest Iowa Cursillo is a spiritual renewal weekend affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. The three-day weekend retreat at Inspiration Hills begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Your days at Cursillo are full of many activities: hearing a series of talks and testimonies related to the Christian life by lay people and pastors, worshiping together, engaging in small-group discussions, participating in Holy Communion, eating great meals, and through it all, experiencing God's grace in a profound way. The upcoming weekends are February 21-24 for men and February 28 through March 3 for women. Want to know more about Cursillo or attend an upcoming weekend? Talk to Pastor Cory or Arla, Wayne or Edie Dekkers, Dan or Dana Dunn, Barry or Jodi Haverhals, Darin or Amy Noyes, Wes or Donna Searcy, Al Van Wyhe, or Broc or Sara Yesda. nwiacursillo.com

From Back to God Ministries International

Advice for the Christian Life: As the Apostle Paul closes his first letter to the Thessalonians he includes a list of last minute instructions. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's advice for the Christian life found in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 so that God's love in our hearts and Christ's work in our lives will be evident to all. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: In the book *Family: The Forming Center*, Marjorie Thompson observes that the Christian home is a sacred shelter where parents and caregivers can reflect God's love to children through presence (being there), acceptance, affirmation, accountability, forgiveness, and hospitality. How can you help your kids' faith grow in the everyday-ness of 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.