July 14, 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 / Amistad Cristiana

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Hawarden & Ireton GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Club

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Cory & Arla Van Sloten / Nursery next Sunday: Broc & Sara Yesda

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Dan & Dana Dunn

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Dan & Miranda Gradert

Congregational Announcements

Pastor Cory is away at annual training with the Iowa Army National Guard through Thursday, August 1. Leading worship and preaching in Pastor Cory's absence are: Steve Dekkers this morning, July 14; and Keith Hoekstra next Sunday morning, July 21. On Sunday morning, July 28, we will have a hymn sing and view a video message on Psalm 23 from Pastor Matt Chandler of The Village Church in Dallas, Texas. Other than emergencies, please direct any concerns to a current elder while Pastor Cory is away.

Tonight, we are showing the animated film The Pilgrim's Progress. Based on John Bunyan's epic literary masterpiece, *The Pilgrim's Progress* is one of the most popular books of all time, and one of the most important stories of our faith! Second only to the Bible in total copies and translations, the story was written by John Bunyan, a pastor imprisoned for sharing his faith. This powerful allegory helps families understand the spiritual journey is the most important journey in life, as well as the importance of sticking to the path, even when the journey gets difficult. pilgrims.movie

Next Sunday, July 21, evening worship is canceled. Sunday evening, July 28, we will worship with Hawarden and Ireton CRC's at Ireton CRC at 6 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (July 2 & 16) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery in Sioux Center to connect with and encourage each other.

Mark your calendars. We will be serving at the Banquet in Sioux Falls which will be August 12.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Monday, August 19; 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
Christina Vander Esch Resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
*For our church, that we would live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together

- *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 Dan and Miranda and Emma and baby girl Gradert, due in September
- *For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby Van Beek, due in January
- *For Derek Bonnema and Alexa Schut, engaged to be united in covenant marriage April 11

Local and Denominational Announcements

Tonic Sol-fa will be in concert on Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Winds Events Center in Orange City. Advance tickets, which are \$18, can be purchased at the Prairie Winds Events Center or online at tonicsolfa.yapsody.com/event/index/424746/orange-city-ia-tonic-sol-fa. Tickets at the door the night of the concert, if available, will be \$22.

Big Daddy Weave will be in concert on Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. General admission tickets are \$20 (Group 4–Pack for \$60) and can be purchased at the Dordt University Campus Bookstore (cash or check only) or at ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1848563?utm_medium=459899.

The Bible League Christmas in July will be Monday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. You are asked to bring items such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc., to place on the silent auction tables. You will be given time to view the items and place your bids. Sherri Ten Napel and Katie Haan will share what they experienced in their trip with Bible League International to Nicaragua.

Sioux County Youth for Christ's Annual Peach Sale is back! These are Colorado grown and handpicked, delicious and mouthwatering peaches! Each 18 lb. lug is \$38 or \$37 if ordered by Friday, July 19. Order by Monday, July 29 to pick up on Monday, August 5 or order by Monday, August 12 to pick up on Monday, August 19. Pick up will be at the City Life Teen Center in Hawarden at 1305 23rd Street. Mail orders and checks may be sent to Sioux County Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 186, Hawarden, Iowa 51023 or you may order and pay online at siouxlandyfc.org/events/peach_sales for an additional 50 cents per lug to cover a processing fee. Questions? Contact Tom Cook at (701) 269-6259.

Dordt University's football program is seeking hosts for incoming football players. This year the need is great again due to another large class of incoming freshmen. Have you hosted before and could take on another student or two? Have you considered hosting but just not sure? Either way, this is a great opportunity to be a blessing to a student athlete. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. A welcome lunch will be provided where you get to meet your players. If interested, please contact assistant coach Ben Dixon at Ben.Dixon@dordt.edu by August 3.

Western Christian High School is celebrating its 100th anniversary of providing Christian education to covenant youth Friday–Sunday, August 9–11. Alumni, parents, and friends of WCHS are invited to celebrate through various activities that you can find at <u>westernchristianhs.com</u>. Registration for the Saturday night banquet closes Monday, July 22. Nearly 500 people from all over the country have already registered so reserve your seat soon.

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Jesus Changes Our Perspective ~ Do you think you know why Jesus taught in parables or how to be his disciple or even how God's kingdom will grow in our world? Join us as we study Mark 4 to learn the important truths he has to teach us about God's kingdom and the heart of a disciple. Listen now at <u>GroundworkOnline.com</u> and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: Be on the lookout for God's "footprints" in our world. Ask your family, "Where did you see God today?" Talk about the ways God used people or circumstances to comfort you, help you, and show you love. crcna.org/FaithFormation