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: Dekkers Mission / New Roots Ministry

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

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: Orlan & Evie Gulker Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Barry & Jodi Haverhals

Congregational Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped at The Banquet and to Ken & Julie Dragstra for coordinating this again!

May God bless our children and young people as well as our teachers and instructors in the new school year!

Next Sunday, August 26, the Hawarden and Ireton CRC's will join us for evening worship and fellowship. Kadee V.B. and Alissa R. will be providing refreshments.

Tyler Dunn's address at U.S. Army Advanced Individual Training is: PFC Tyler Dunn ~ 5th PLT, A CO, 554th EN BN ~ 6221 Iowa Ave. ~ Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473. Please encourage him with mail while he is away at training!

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (August 7 & 21) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

Our new and improved church website (<u>lebanoncrc.org</u>) is now live and looks great! Recordings of morning worship are available on the website via the YouTube link, as well as weekly bulletin announcements.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Tuesday, August 21; 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 in Sioux Center

Adrian Kruid Resides at home in Sioux Center

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 loves 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 College Station, Texas and Guinea, Africa

*For Cate Cave, living in Mexico

*For Tyler Dunn as he attends U.S. Army Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO

*For Jon and Lydia and Jenny and baby Korthuis, due in November

*For Joseph Cave and Francis Momberg, engaged to be married December 1

*For Josh and Leah and baby Gradert, due in January

Other Announcements

A GriefShare support group in Sioux Center will meet on Thursdays, August 23 to November 8 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at New Life Reformed Church's Chapel. The cost is \$20 for the workbook and scholarships are available to cover this cost. For more information or to register, please call Arlis De Boer at (712) 441-0217. Registration is also available online at <u>www.nlrchurch.org</u>. To learn more about GriefShare, go to <u>griefshare.org</u>.

Ireton Christian School's first day of school is Wednesday, August 22 at 8:15 AM. Doors open at 8:00 for children. Chapel is at 9:00 in the gym.

Ireton Christian School is looking for some help for their fall musical. We need a costume committee and props committee. If you can help us in any way, please contact Connie Kroeze at <u>connie.kroeze@iretonchristianschool.com</u>. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Sioux Center Christian School invites you to their Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 25. Please come for a freewill supper served from 5–7 p.m. with proceeds supporting The Legacy Plan. Inflatables and activities for kids will be held from 4–8 p.m. and an outdoor movie, "The Little Rascals", will be shown at 8 p.m.

Are you an expectant mother or the mother of a child/children up to five years old? Then Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers is looking for you! Come join the Sioux Center MOPS group where you'll find spiritual encouragement, friendship, and lots of coffee as well as childcare. Drive-through registration is set for 10 a.m. to noon at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center on Thursday, August 30. For details, find us and like us on Facebook at Sioux Center MOPS.

Sioux Center MOPS is looking for babysitters for the 2018-2019 season. Please contact Vanessa Steiger at (712) 463-2004 if you are willing to help (background check required). Meetings are the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Thursdays of September through May, and childcare is needed from 8:45–11:15 a.m. Ages range from newborn to preschool, and a small group of older homeschool kids.

Western Christian High School is anticipating its 100th anniversary in August 2019. A book is being put together to commemorate this anniversary and we would like to include memories from former and current students as well as former and current faculty in the book. Email your reflections to <u>wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com</u> or mail them to: Western Christian High School, P.O. Box 658, Hull, Iowa 51239.

Unity Christian High School friends, we invite you to consider financially supporting the Refresh Drive 2018. We have distributed over 2500 brochures describing the project. Our goal is to refresh our school with air conditioning units in classrooms, update lights in the Knight Center and spruce up our gym with new features. Thank you!

Friendship Bible Study, a group of Sioux Center area community believers, will begin its 2018-2019 season on Thursday, August 30 at First Christian Reformed Church. The purpose of the Friendship program is to nurture the spiritual growth of people with intellectual disabilities in the context of personal and meaningful relationships. Current members range from teens to retirees. If you are interested in this program, either as a student or mentor, please contact either Dave or Marian Smith at (712) 722-1247 or Kathy Schreurs at (712) 324-2379 or talk to Orlan and/or Evie Gulker.

"Good Battle" Israel Tours: There are still trips to Israel in 2018 or 2019 with author Cliff Graham and his team at 60% off of the normal price for a guided Israel tour—first come, first served. If interested or for more information, go to <u>goodbattletours.com</u>, or contact Cliff Graham at <u>hello@cliffgraham.com</u>, or check out his Facebook page at <u>facebook.com/cliffgrahamauthor</u>, or talk to Charlie or Nola or Amanda Van Driessen.

From Back to God Ministries International

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