

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

**September 1, 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: Maletoungou Mission / The Gospel Mission of Sioux City**

Next Sunday's offerings: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Sioux County Youth for Christ in Hawarden

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Aaron & Kim Dekkers / Nursery next Sunday: Harry & Pam Dekkers

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Jon & Lydia Korhuis

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Today**, we are providing the chapel service at Hillcrest Care Facility in Hawarden at 12:45 p.m. You are encouraged to attend. "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus

**Ladies Bible Study** will start Sept. 11 at 6:30 in church basement. We will be studying The Faithful. Please let Pam Dekkers know if you are interested. If you have questions call or text Pam, 712-540-1201.

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (September 3 & 17) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**Next Sunday**, September 8, Pastor Cory will be away for Army National Guard training. Rev. Carl Klompien will provide pulpit supply for morning worship. For evening worship, a Matt Chandler video sermon will be shown.

**Our discipleship year kick-off** for church education is Sunday, September 15 following morning worship. Brent Kooi, a native of Inwood and current missionary in Australia through Mission to the World, will give a thirty-minute presentation after morning worship which will be followed by a potluck meal in the church basement. The whole church is encouraged to stay for the presentation and meal together. More details on the church discipleship year to come...

**Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons)** will meet Monday, September 16; 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.

**Ground beef** is available in the kitchen freezer for a donation. Checks should be made to Christian Education Fund and can be placed in the offering bags or given to a current deacon. Thanks to Doug Houlton for donating the ground beef!

## **Congregational Prayers and Praises**

\*For our shut-ins:

Elmer Bonnema                Resides at Royale Meadows Care Facility 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 18

## Local and Denominational Announcements

**Dordt University's First Monday Speaker Series** resumes on Monday, September 2 with Dr. Russell Moore. Dr. Moore is president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the moral and public policy agency of the nation's largest Protestant denomination. He will speak in the morning at 11 a.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium with a presentation titled "Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel". At 5:30 p.m., in the Campus Center, Dordt is hosting, along with Bethany Christian Services and Katelyn's Fund, "Adopted for Life", a family-friendly picnic supper with Dr. Moore where he will speak on God's heart for adoption. Child care will be provided by the Dordt Track & Field Team. Both events are free and open to the public but registration is required for the evening event. For more information, and to register, go to [adoptedforlife.eventbrite.com](http://adoptedforlife.eventbrite.com). For questions, contact Emily Rowe at [emily.rowe@dordt.edu](mailto:emily.rowe@dordt.edu) or (712) 722-6434.

**Justice For All** invites you to their Annual Fall Auction and Picnic which will take place on Thursday, September 5 at the JFA Ministry Center in Rock Valley. A meal will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. and the live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. We are starting to collect items for the auction so if you would like to donate an item, please contact Joel De Wit at (712) 476-2804 or [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org). This is one of JFA's most important fund raising events so we hope that you will come and support the on-going ministry of JFA as we continue to share and care in Christ's name!

**Bible League International's** 2019 Tri-State Conference is Monday–Tuesday, September 9–10 at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. The conference, with the theme, "His Plan... Our Purpose" features a dinner and introduction to Bible League International ministry on Monday, September 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and morning and afternoon conference sessions on Tuesday, September 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding by 3:30 p.m. Keynote speaker Kendra Broekhuis ([kendrabroekhuis.com](http://kendrabroekhuis.com)) will share what she has learned about trusting God by taking one day at a time, and by praying "Your will be done." Tickets for the Monday dinner are \$15 and tickets for the Tuesday conference are \$30, which includes lunch, and can be purchased online through September 3 at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets).

**Ireton Christian School's** Rally Day Sale is Saturday, September 14 with supper at 5 p.m. and the auction at 6 p.m. Come for a night of food and fellowship to support ICS. Donated auction items can be brought to ICS anytime that day.

### From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Baptism ~ Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in baptism can do extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28:18-20 and Colossians 2:9-15 with our guest Dr. Jim Brownson to discover what happens in baptism, whom it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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### From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How could you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)

### Synod 2019

The Banner has produced a Guide to the Acts of Synod 2019, with links to decisions in the Acts of Synod 2019 and analysis from the writing team who covered synod this year. Find it at [thebanner.org/synod](http://thebanner.org/synod).

### From World Renew

Help Naschitti CRC Recover from Arson Fire: Last week, the Naschitti CRC in New Mexico, was damaged by arson. The property was uninsured and church leaders have asked World Renew DRS for help. DRS volunteers are making plans to support the congregation with clean up, repair and volunteer labor. Your financial support makes this project possible. Please give at [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs), by calling (800) 552-7972, or by sending your check made out to World Renew DRS with "Naschitti CRC Response" in the memo line to World Renew, 1700 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.