

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

September 15, 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: Building Fund / Benevolence Fund

Next Sunday's offerings: World Renew / Justice For All

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Verlyn & Karel Dekkers / Nursery next Sunday: Ken & Julie Dragstra

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Jake & Angie Liston

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Congregational Announcements

Today, our discipleship year kick-off for church education will follow 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. Pork loins, and pork burgers for kids, along with drink and tableware will be provided; salads, side-dishes, and desserts will be shared.

Congratulations to Dan and Miranda and Emma Gradert (and their families) and thanks be to God for the gift of Amelia (Millie) Grace Gradert, born Tuesday, September 10. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Women's Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for five weeks, September 18 – October 16, in the church basement, studying *The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament*. For more information or questions, contact Pam Dekkers at (712) 540-1201. lifeway.com/en/product-family/the-faithful

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.

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.

Classis Iakota meets Tuesday, September 17 at Lakeview CRC of rural Valentine, NE; Pastor Cory will attend.

The consistory (elders) approved Derek and Kylie Koenen's request for the baptism of Elle Paisley Koenen. She will receive the covenant sign of holy baptism next Sunday morning, September 22.

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 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

Thank you, Lebanon Christian Reformed Church, for a wonderful gift of \$470. Your support of New Roots Ministry is impactful; your gift is helping us to spearhead a new initiative—helping immigrants and former refugees to strategically plan to achieve their goals. This is vital as the American systems of higher education and career development can be complicated to navigate. God bless you in your gospel ministry! Fred Wilgenburg, New Roots Ministry of Sioux Falls

Dear congregation of Lebanon Christian Reformed Church, we praise God for the 2018-19 Legacy Plan gift of \$12,000 Sioux Center Christian School received from your congregation. Your continued support is vital as we daily pursue our vision of every child treasured, trained, and transformed as they learn and live God's Story. Thank you!

Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare 5th Annual Fall Banquet is Monday, September 16 at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center, beginning with a fellowship time and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner with testimonials, a live auction, and a ministry update at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Please RSVP to Rhonda at (605) 695-0059 or rhonda.h@kingdomboundaries.org, or register online at kingdomboundaries.org/events.

Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, September 17. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Roxanne Cook at (701) 269-6352 or rcook@siouxlandyfc.org and plan to provide the goodies to Roxanne on Monday, September 16.

LADIES AUXILIARY KICK-OFF: The Ireton Christian School Ladies Auxiliary Kick-Off is schedule for September 23, Monday at 6:30 pm at Ireton Christian School. You won't want to miss it! Be sure to save the date and invite other ladies in your life that love ICS for a fun and relaxing night. Let's start the school year off with some food, fun, and fellowship. Special guest is *the S.D.G. Classical Guitar Trio*. They will perform some familiar music pieces with their classical guitars. Hope to see you there!

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: We are the Body of Christ ~ Discover how the human body helps us understand what it means to be the Church. Study 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 4:15-16, and Romans 12:3-8 with Groundwork to find out what being the body of Christ means for believers yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.reframemedia.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: In the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary* (IVP 2016), Tish Warren writes, "We learn the craft of holiness day by day in the living of a particular life... we are part of God's big vision and mission—the redemption of all things—through the earthy craft of living out our vocation, hour by hour, task by task. I want to do the big work of the kingdom, but I have to learn to live it out in the small tasks before me." How might this insight change your perspective on the small tasks of your daily life? 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.

From World Renew

Help Naschitti CRC Recover from Arson Fire: Recently, 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, by calling (800) 552-7972, or by sending your check made out to World Renew with "Naschitti CRC" in the memo line to World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. thebanner.org/news/2019/08/fire-damage-uncertainty-in-days-following-arson

Help People Recover from Hurricane Dorian: The Bahamas were ravaged by Hurricane Dorian last week, and the full extent of the damage is unknown. You can help by making a financial donation to World Renew Disaster Response Services. Your gift will help the people of the Bahamas, as well as those on the U.S. East Coast, in the early days and in long-term response. Please give at worldrenew.net/donate, by calling (800) 552-7972, or by mailing your check, made out to World Renew with "Hurricane Dorian" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.