

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: World Renew / Justice For All

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Resonate Global Mission

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Ken & Julie Dragstra / Nursery next Sunday: Dan & Dana Dunn

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Darin & Amy Noyes

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Joe & Alissa Richardson

Congregational Announcements

This morning, Elle Paisley Koenen, infant daughter of Derek & Kylie, will receive the covenant sign of holy baptism; thanks be to God! Welcome to family and friends of Derek and Kylie here to celebrate with them and us!

Church education for children and young people (preschool through high school) begins today after morning worship; details are in your mailboxes. 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.

Next week following the evening service there will be a time of fellowship in the church basement. Refreshments will be provide by Kay De Boom and Mylasah Cave.

Women's Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. 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

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (October 1 & 15) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

Council (elders and deacons) will next meet Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. for our yearly church visit. We will be visited by Rev. Joel Kok and an elder from Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. Their task is to ascertain whether the officebearers of our church faithfully perform our duties, adhere to sound doctrine, observe the provisions of Church Order, and promote the building up of the body of Christ and the extension of God's kingdom. Members of the congregation who have a concern about congregational life and/or the present leadership of the congregation may meet with the church visitors, but must inform the council of their intention, and identify the substance of their concerns before meeting with them. crcna.org/sites/default/files/churchvisiting.pdf

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

The council has decided, due to declining and inconsistent attendance at evening worship, to temporarily move in a different direction on Sunday evenings. Beginning in October, we will have evening worship the first Sunday of the month, a large group study or activity the second Sunday of the month, Grow Groups (small groups) either in homes or at church the third Sunday of the month, and no formal evening activities the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. We will try this on a trial basis through November and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at a congregational meeting in the latter part of November.

Ireton Christian School Ladies Auxiliary kickoff is Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Ladies that love ICS are invited to this night of food, fun and fellowship with entertainment provided by the S.D.G. Classical Guitar Trio.

Northwestern College invites you to The Art of Christian Leadership conference on Tuesday, October 1 from noon to 5 p.m. on the college's campus. This conference will explore what it takes for leaders to have faithful influence in a secular age and is for leaders in any arena, including business, community organizations, education, ministry and politics. The conference begins at noon with lunch and a keynote presentation by Dr. Andy Root—a leading thinker on Christian influence in our secular age—followed by three workshop sessions during which attendees can choose from a variety of leadership workshops led by local leaders. The conference is \$45 to attend and includes lunch. For more information and to register, go to nwciova.edu/events/Christian-leadership-conference.

James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, is going to be in our area Tuesday–Wednesday, October 8–9. He will meet with families for a confidential will planning consultation at no cost and with no obligation. For more information or to schedule a complimentary conversation with Jim please call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation at (888) 448-3040 (ext. 121). To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled “7 Reasons to Review Your Will” by simply sending an e-mail request with “7 Reasons Request” in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com.

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: We are the Bride of Christ ~ The Church as the Bride of Christ is a beautiful and useful image. Join Groundwork as we study Deuteronomy 7:6-8 and Ephesians 5:25-27 to discover what it means to be united with Christ and gain a deeper understanding of the intimate nature of our relationship with God. Listen 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: What faith practices shape your life and the lives of the people who share your home? “It’s easy for us to think that we create our habits, but our habits also create us. The faith-forming things that we do together deeply affect the way we think and act. Because of this, consistently committing to your faith practices as a family has a significant impact.” —from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at FaithAliveResources.org. 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 people recover from Hurricane Dorian: The Bahamas were recently ravaged by Hurricane Dorian. 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.