

October 5, 2025

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church

The mission of Lebanon CRC is

To live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MINISTRIES AT LEBANON

“Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.” - Isaiah 49:13 NIV

This Sunday - Morning Worship – Pastor Bob begins a series of sermons based on Q&A 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism. *My Only Comfort: I Belong to My Faithful Savior* is based on Exodus 20:1-3.

Evening Faith-Food-Fellowship - This evening we will focus on Matthew 5:13-16, *Salt and Light*.

Next Sunday - Morning Worship – Pastor Van Aartsen will lead our worship from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. His sermon is entitled, *A Handle on Priorities*.

Today's Offerings: CRCNA Ministry Share Pledge / Building Fund

Next Sunday's Offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Youth for Christ

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Myron & Nancy Gradert

Sound Booth attendants today: Cadan, Myron

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Orlan & Evie Gulker

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Dan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Dragstra continues physical therapy and treatment for infection at the Sioux Center Hospital. He is also receiving care to improve his appetite.

Thanks to each of you who signed up to take a turn teaching **Sunday School** this fall!

The council will begin the process of selecting one elder and one deacon for a three-year term beginning January 2026. They invite you to direct attention to qualified members. Please let President Myron Gradert or Clerk Rick De Boom know of anyone you'd like the council to consider.

The **Sound Booth is in need of several volunteers** to help with powerpoint and sound. If you are interested in learning, and being on the schedule, please talk to Rick DeBoom.

Faith-Food-Fellowship Dates –October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 5

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Jane L & Ashley D**

6:00 PM – Faith-Food-Fellowship

Sunday, October 12

9:45 AM – Morning Worship – Rev. Van Aartsen will lead us in worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School – **teachers – Cinda VG & Aaron D**

Monday, October 13

6:30 PM – Consistory

7:30 PM - Council

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayer for Our Members

- Robert & Val Haverhals - Household of the Week
- Ken & Julie Dragstra as Ken continues his path to recovery.
- For our college students: Joshua Dragstra (Iowa State University), Jacob Dragstra (Northwestern College), Carly Dunn (Northwestern College) Addy Liston (Dordt University), Ava Noyes (University of South Dakota), Tyler Steenhoek (Western Iowa Tech), Josie Zeutenhorst (Dordt University).

Prayer for Our Community

- The hard work of harvest is underway. Pray for safety. Pray that our crops may be harvested in a timely manner. Pray for patience when the crop is difficult to harvest. Pray that the Lord will provide as our farming community faces economic challenges.
- Northwestern College - School of the Week

Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Pray for the Lord's blessing on the launch of our Sunday School season.
- Pray for Sos & Kara and their family as they live out the Lord's call to promote Christian education in Africa.
- Pray that the Lord leads Steve & Tara in their work with Launch Global in Texas.
- Pray for Justice for All as it continues its ministry of mercy locally and abroad.
- Pray for churches searching for pastoral leadership: Calvin and Trinity CRCs in Rock Valley, Inwood CRC, Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls. Pray that the Lord would raise up a new generation of pastoral leadership.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Church of Christ congregation, Pastor Dustin Bolks.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. **Applications are due October 31.**

October 11, 10:30-12:00 PM @ First CRC, Sioux Center - **Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing.** Then in the evening, on October 11, 7:00-8:30pm @ B.J. Haan Auditorium **“Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles” featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery** Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- October 5 – Brie K
- October 20 – Nancy G
- October 24 – Robert H
- October 25 – Josie Z
- October 27 – Dan Z
- October 28 – Orlan G