

October 1, 2023

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

Welcome to Lebanon Church! May Christ renew our strength for service today.

Today – Morning Worship - We welcome Dr. Kyle Dieleman of Dordt University as he leads our morning worship. He will teach from Isaiah 58 with a message “Practicing Life in God’s Kingdom”. Pastor Bob and Jan are on vacation. Our worship will include a time to prepare for holy communion.

Next Sunday – Holy Communion

Today’s offerings: Steve & Tara Mission Support / Hope Haven

Next Sunday’s offering: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Bethesda Christian Counseling

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Verlyn & Karel Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Myron, Ava

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the deacons: There is an informational sheet in your mailbox concerning the funds needed to meet our obligations for funding for missionaries, classis assessment, denominational pledge, and budget by the end of our fiscal year which is Nov. 30. Offering dates for each are on the sheet.

Willie Dragstra remains in Sioux Falls at the hospital for treatment of a collapsed lung.

We will celebrate holy communion in the morning worship service on October 8.

Evening worship services dates– **October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

9:45 AM – Morning Worship led by Dr. Kyle Dieleman

11:00 AM – Sunday School

Sunday, October 8

9:45 AM – Morning Worship and Holy Communion

11:00 AM – Sunday School

6:00 PM – Evening Worship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Continue to pray for Emmett, Robert and Val Haverhals' grandson. Emmet continues to receive much care at Mayo Clinic in advance of a bone marrow transplant hoped for in November. Pray for strength for parents Mark & Molly, and their daughter Clara.
- Pray for Monte & Shelly Schoellerman, as Monte looks forward to his surgeon's evaluation of his healing following his foot surgery. They long for a good report.
- Pray for Willie Dragstra, receiving care in Sioux Falls.
- Rev. Gideon Wamala continues to need our prayer support. Pastor Gideon is making slow progress in healing from colon cancer surgery. Pray for him and Calvin CRC in Rock Valley.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas. They ask especially for God's help as those they mentor are facing spiritual opposition.
- Pray for Sos and Kara. The Teachers' Garden continues to develop as a promising new ministry in Africa. Pray the Lord's blessing.
- Pray for peace and stability in the South Dakota State Penitentiary, and for Cornerstone Prison Church to continue its ministry under Rev. Scott Van Voorst.
- Pray for the Lord to guide the process now underway to call an elder and a deacon from our membership to serve three-year terms.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, First CRC Sioux Falls, Hawarden CRC and Carmel Reformed Church.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Netherlands Reformed Congregation.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on October 6. **Bible League International** (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center beginning at 7 p.m. The groups performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world.

Cornerstone Prison Church - Each year the chaplains' group that serves those incarcerated in our prisons and jails packs and distributes a Christmas treat sack to every inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the minimum-security unit in Yankton, the Women's Prison in Pierre, and the inmates in the county jail in Sioux Falls. Unfortunately, due to DOC policies, home-made fudge is no longer allowed in any of these facilities. Here is how you can help us. We need your financial support. Everything we give out must be pre-packaged items from the factory, which means we must purchase everything we hand out. This increases the cost of this project significantly. We expect to distribute goodies to over 3,800 inmates this year. Our goal is to raise \$27,000. Please send donations to Cornerstone Prison Church, Dave Vande Kamp, Treasurer; 801 So. Gordon Drive; Sioux Falls, SD 57110. Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line of your check. Remember, the deadline for financial gifts is Wednesday, November 15, 2022.

Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a memorable night at **Promise Community Health Center's** 14th annual "Evening of Promise" Celebration to take place Thursday, October 19 at 6pm at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. This event promises an evening of entertainment (Dueling Duos, dueling pianos), great food, and an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. See this link, <https://promisechc.org/an-evening-of-promise-2023/> for tickets and more information.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: **A Lesson in Accountability and Consequences** - "Every action has a reaction." "Cause and effect." "Actions have consequences." There is truth in these common phrases, but, it is easily forgotten in the moment. Join Groundwork as we study the story of the writing on the wall in Daniel 5 to learn about the relationship between accountability, consequences, and our faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.