

October 15, 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 – Coming Clean: Accepting Cleansing** from Psalm 51:7-9 and John 13:1-17. We will learn why the true power of forgiveness comes only from God, not from us.

**Next Sunday – Morning – Coming Clean: God's Fresh Start** from Psalm 51:10-12 with John 3:5 and Matthew 12:43-45. Do not underestimate our need for a new heart or God's desire to give that to us.

**Evening - Faith, Food and Fellowship** will continue our discussion about heaven's promise of reunion. *Who do you look forward to seeing in heaven?* Scripture will include Revelation 7:9-17 and Matthew 22:23-33.

**Today's offerings: Building Fund / Hawarden Food Pantry**

Next Sunday's offering: New Roots Ministry / Youth for Christ

#### Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Ken & Julie Dragstra

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Cole, Eli

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Pastor Bob & Jan Drenten

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Dan, Carly

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The council is presenting to the congregation the following nominees for church office to be considered. The affirmation vote will be held on Sunday, Oct 29, immediately following the Sunday morning service.

For **elder**: Rick De Boom, Harold Dekkers, Charlie Van Driesen. For **deacon**: Aaron Dekkers, Lloyd Dekkers, Dan Dunn.

Back to God Ministries publishes **Today**, the daily devotional we receive. If you wish to continue receiving this booklet, please let us know by signing up on the sheet near our mailboxes. Back to God Ministries is updating its mailing list for supporting churches. **You can also read their daily devotional online - [todaydevotional.com](http://todaydevotional.com).**

Remember to check out the Lebanon Church website for information including the church directory, the bulletin, and links to video of our worship services. Our website address is [www.lebanoncrc.org](http://www.lebanoncrc.org).

If you have a prayer request you wish to share with the Lebanon Church family during the week, contact Pastor Bob at 712-395-0552. He can pass that along through a text message. Prayer requests should usually include permission to share information from the person for whom we pray.

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

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, October 15**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School & High School Catechism

#### **Sunday, October 22**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School & High School Catechism

6:00 PM – Faith, Food & Fellowship

## 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 Willie Dragstra, receiving care in Sioux Falls.
- Give thanks for answered prayers for Monte & Shelly Schoellerman's homecoming! Continue to pray for his healing.
- Rev. Gideon Wamala continues to need our prayer support. Pastor Gideon recently had surgery to his intestine which remains after his surgery for colon cancer last summer. 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 for the Lord's blessing on their plans and the teachers they prepare for Christian education.
- 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 – Peace Lutheran Congregation, Pastor Bill Loeffke.

## SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COOKIES!** YFC are looking for homemade cookies or bars, so they can bless Ireton Christian Middle and West Sioux Middle/High School students with their monthly Snack Giveaway. Cookies are needed no later than the evening of Tuesday, October 17. If you can help with 3-4 dozen cookies or a pan or two of bars, please let Roxanne Cook know at [rcook@siouxlandyfc.org](mailto:rcook@siouxlandyfc.org) or [701-269-6352](tel:701-269-6352). Thank You!

The **Music Department of Unity Christian High School** will present their Fall Concert on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

**Unity Christian High School** will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival on Thursday, October 26. Orchestras from Hull Christian, Orange City Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Unity Christian, and Western Christian will be participating in the festival. A concert beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Knight Center will showcase the combined middle school orchestras, combined high school orchestras, and a massed orchestra of all the participating students. A free-will offering will be received.

Join us as we "Celebrate Western." Meat and Freezer Meal orders are due **Friday, October 20**. Our online auction begins **Tuesday, October 24**. Go to [www.zomerbid.com](http://www.zomerbid.com) to access the auction. Explore Western is **Tuesday, November 14**. The Celebrate Western Community Meal, Bake Sale, and Kid's Carnival is **Friday, November 17**. For more information and order forms, please visit our website - [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com)

**Thank-you, Lebanon Christian Reformed Church**, for a gift of \$274! That support is encouraging as we grow in our Gospel outreach, especially among new Americans. Our Gospel outreach ministries include workplace chaplaincy, driving training, Timothy Leadership Training, strategic planning for meeting goals, special educational events for the Church, Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, hanging out among new Americans and their stores, and empowering new American pastors and their churches. -Fred W., New Roots Ministry, Sioux Falls