

October 22, 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 – 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, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 22:23-33.

Next Sunday – Morning Worship - Coming Clean: Look What God Can Do! from Psalm 51:13-17 and 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Forgiveness isn't only about what happens to us or our sin. God shows us just how amazing He is!

Today's offerings: New Roots Ministry / Youth for Christ

Next Sunday's offering: Lebanon Budget / Sioux Center Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Pastor Bob & Jan Drenten

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Dan & Dana Dunn

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Myron, Addy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Willie Dragstra has recovered from his recent collapsed lung. He has returned to Crown Pointe where he continues to gain strength.

"We thank our Lebanon Church neighbors and friends for your prayers, help, and gifts through Monte's hospitalization and recovery. We are so grateful to you! We thank God that Monte is home now." -Monte & Shelly Schoellerman

Consider sending a card or note of encouragement to Duane Bonnema as he receives care for cancer. His address – Duane Bonnema, 1411 Ave O Hawarden, IA 51023

Pastor Bob will be away from Wednesday through Saturday next week at a board meeting for Calvin Seminary.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School & High School Catechism

6:00 PM – Faith, Food & Fellowship

Sunday, October 29

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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. If you wish to encourage them, mail to Mark & Molly Haverhals, 20 11th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901.
- Thank God for answering our prayers for Willie Dragstra's recovery.
- 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.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and for the Teacher's Garden.
- Pastor Mark and JinHee ask us to pray for their work in Kathmandu. They pray God will provide donors toward the purchase of a much-needed vehicle.
- 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 – United Reformed Congregation, Pastor Jon Bushnell.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **combined Reformation Day service** will be held at Bethel CRC on October 29 at 6:00 PM. Bethel CRC and Bridge of Hope are in charge of the service. Pastor Sam Ashmore will bring the message.

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.

You're invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM**. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School.

Ireton Christian School's Annual Rally Day Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4. Food begins at 5:00 PM and the auction starts at 6:00 PM. The night will include a live auction, gun raffle, home décor, kid's items, gift cards, etc. Donations can be brought to school anytime on Friday or Saturday before 5:00. Come for a night of food and fellowship while supporting the Christian School.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: **Why We Need the Gospel** - Why do we need the gospel? Why is the gospel so relevant to my life? Join Groundwork as we study Romans 1-3 for answers to these questions and discuss Paul's summary of the gospel, his explanation of the purpose of God's law, what it means for our lives today, and where he says we can turn for hope. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.