

October 8, 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: Taking Responsibility from Psalm 51:3-6 and Luke 18:9-14. King David owns his sin and his helplessness before the Lord. God welcomes our honest confession and restores the one who trusts God’s mercy. *We celebrate holy communion this morning, inviting all who publicly profess faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who belong to His Church to eat and drink with us.*

Tonight - We gather for *Food, Faith, and Fellowship*. We will hear and discuss Hebrews 11, the “Heroes of Faith.” Our focus will be on this question: When you get to heaven, which person from the Bible do you want to meet?

Next Sunday – 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.

Today’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Bethesda Christian Counseling

Next Sunday’s offering: Building Fund / Hawarden Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Myron, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Ken & Julie Dragstra

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Cole, Eli

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 and congestion.

Pastor Bob will be away in Grand Rapids October 10-14 at the Council of Delegates of the CRCNA. He serves as their Calvin Seminary Board representative.

Back to God Ministries publishes **Today**, the daily devotional we receive every two months. Do 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 and wants to send the appropriate amount of devotionals to each church. **You can also read their daily devotional online - 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.

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 8 & 22, November 5 & 19.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8

9:45 AM – Morning Worship and Holy Communion
11:00 AM – Sunday School & High School Catechism
6:00 PM – Evening Worship

Monday, October 9

6:30 PM – Consistory
7:30 PM - Council

Sunday, October 15

9:45 AM – Morning Worship
11:00 AM – Sunday School

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- A couple weeks ago our youth group delivered our donations to needy people in the Twin Cities. Remember to pray for those who benefit from our gifts.
- 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.
- Rev. Gideon Wamala continues to need our prayer support. Pastor Gideon recently had surgery to report function 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 – New Life Reformed Congregation, Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo, Dan Kruse.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Siouxland Unity CRC of Sioux City, IA will be serving a Southeast Asian meal as a fundraiser for their Lao church at First CRC in Sioux Center on Wednesday, October 11, from 5-6:30pm, with free will donations for Siouxland Unity CRC.

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 of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. 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 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