

October 11, 2020

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

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Classical Quotas / Ireton/Hawarden GEMS

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Cornerstone

Next Sunday, we welcome back Mr. Keith Hoekstra as he leads us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education for preschool through high school will meet today after morning worship.

The nursery is open to parents with young children for a quiet space during the service if needed but is not staffed.

Council invites the congregation to submit **nominations for office-bearers**. There are 1 deacon and 2 elder positions to fill. Nominations must be submitted in writing to any current elder or deacon no later than **TODAY**.

Condolences to Arlo and LaVonne Bonnema and family in the passing of LaVonne's mother, Lenora DeWit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 12 – full council meets at 8:00pm.

Search Committee Update: Sunday, October 25 – Rev. Shawn Abbas will lead us in worship. There will be a meet and greet potluck lunch after the morning service. A little information about Shawn: He grew up on a farm in North Central Iowa. His wife, Stacy, grew up on a farm in North Dakota. They have three children. Rev. Abbas is currently pastoring two churches, Hope Reformed Church in Westfield, North Dakota and the Hull CRC in Hull, North Dakota. If anyone would like more info, please ask and Sara can email you his profile. You can check out his Facebook page **Pastor Shawn Abbas**.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greta
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- For Jason and Amanda Van Driessen and family and baby due February 2021.
- **Praying for our Local Congregations:** October 11 – Peace Lutheran Congregation, Pastor Bill Loeffke

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Practice social distancing. (6 feet) No handshakes, hugs, or any other physical contact.

At the present time we are not offering nursery, but we encourage parents to attend with their children and are welcome to use the nursery for a quiet space during the service if needed.

Visit outside with social distancing.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Hawarden/Lebanon CRC GEMS** are selling Usborne cards as a fundraiser for our group. There is a choice of 4 different boxes of 30 cards – \$30. 2 – All Occasion, 1 Thanks & Blanks, 1 Kid’s Birthday box. Another selection is a holiday box of 50 cards for \$30. There are 2 sample boxes of cards to look at in the Narthex. You may contact Ava Noyes or Karel Dekkers for more information. Please make checks payable to Anita Van Ravenhorst. We appreciate your support of our group. Final date for sales is **TODAY**, October 11. Thanks!!

Join **Sioux Center Christian School’s MISSION to DEFEAT the DEBT** with a **Drive-Thru Supper on Saturday, October 24 from 5-7pm!** Enjoy a delicious take-home meal of grilled boneless Iowa pork chop, cheesy potatoes, and choice of cheesecake or gourmet cupcake. Delivery option available for those who are unable to drive. **FREEWILL DONATION** with opportunity to unlock \$20,000 in matching funds! **Reserve your meals by Noon on Monday, October 19** at www.siouxcenterchristian.com or call Amy Vander Berg at 712.441.4530.

Order forms for purchasing meat at **Western Christian’s annual Fall Bonanza** were placed in church mailboxes a few weeks ago. If you did not receive one or have not seen it you may order online at <https://www.westernchristianhs.com/office/fall%20meat%20.pdf>. **Orders must be in by November 1.** Your order will be available on November 20 at the school. All meat must be preordered. If you have questions, please contact the office at Western Christian at 712-439-1013.

Unity is seeking to hire a school nurse, effective immediately. The nurse will help UCHS fulfill its mission by providing medical and wellness services in accordance with Iowa nursing practices. This position is part time for 3.5 hours a day. To view the job description and to access an application about the position, visit our website: <https://www.unitychristian.net/employment>. To discuss the position, please contact Wayne Dykstra at 712-737-4114 or at wdykstra@unitychristian.net.

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday, October 16 at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for an afternoon of big band standards, pop covers, easy-listening jazz tunes, and more. Contact the Music Department to secure your free tickets at 712-722-6222 or anna.bartlett@dordt.edu, as seating is limited. Masks are required for all recital attendees and seating will be socially distanced. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions on in-person attendance or cancellations.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Welcome and Care. Another major theme found in Leviticus is God’s instruction to Israel to care for the aliens...the immigrants...the strangers living in their midst. These individuals were particularly vulnerable, and God makes clear that he cares for them and that Israel should too. Does this theme of hospitality extend to Christians and the church today? Studying these teachings in Leviticus, in the light of our salvation in Christ, can inform our thoughts and behaviors toward non-Christians and vulnerable people in our world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: The Practice of Gratitude: A great quote to ponder from author Alice Walker: “Thank you is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses gratitude, humility, understanding.” What are you thankful for today? crcna.org/FaithFormation