

October 18, 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: Building Fund / Cornerstone

Next Sunday's offerings: Budget / Hawarden Youth for Christ

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Shawn Abbas 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**.

Sunday, October 25: Potluck lunch after morning service. Please bring a hot dish and a side/dessert to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Miranda G. and Joy S. workgroup is helping with this event.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
 - 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 18 – United Reformed Congregation, Pastor Jon Bushnell

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.

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

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.

Dordt University student Clairra De Jong will present a **senior piano recital** on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights of the recital include Debussy's sweeping Reflets dans l'eau (Reflections in the Water), the technically challenging and emotionally engaging Scherzo in B-flat Minor by Chopin, and a collaboration with cellist Jaren Brue, De Jong's fiancée. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. 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.

Hope Haven's 56th Annual Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 5:00pm. This year's meeting will be held virtually. To attend, please visit this link: www.hopehaven.org/society-meeting. Society members will have the opportunity to elect Board members, review recent audit and budgets, and receive the annual report on the ministry of Hope Haven. Hope Haven is a society owned agency; therefore, you are encouraged to exercise your membership and become involved in the business of Hope Haven.

The **Unity Christian High School Music Department** will present a Fall Music Festival on Thursday, October 29. The Orchestra and Symphonic Band will perform in the Knight Center at 7:00, and the Chorale, Knightsounds, and Concert Choir will perform in the gym at 8:00. Seating will be limited, and social distancing will be encouraged. Masks are encouraged but not required. A livestream will also be available for both performances.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Jesus Christ Is... In its opening chapter, the gospel of John declares that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. The gospel writer begins his book with a prologue, confidently and urgently declaring the truths he will spend the rest of his book revealing through a carefully curated record of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry. So if you'd like to know more about who Jesus is, if you'd like to better understand his identity, his character, and his purpose, then join us in studying the prologue found in John 1. Together we'll learn about Jesus' identity and character and discuss what we can learn about being Jesus' disciples. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails.

From Faith Formation Ministries Family Faith Formation Tip: Keep track of God's good gifts using a format that works for you. Some ideas: keep a gratitude journal; express your thankfulness on paper strips placed inside a Gratitude Jar; write or draw things for which you are grateful on a paper tablecloth during mealtimes. Save your lists and drawings and revisit them when you need a reminder of God's provision. crcna.org/FaithFormation