

October 4, 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 Rev. Doug Van Aartsen to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Ireton Christian School

Next Sunday's offerings: Classical Quotas / Ireton/Hawarden GEMS

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

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For prayer concerns or to request a visit from council for health, spiritual or any other reason, please contact an elder or deacon.

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 can be submitted in writing to any current elder or deacon by Sunday, October 11.

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 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 4 – New Life Congregation, Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo & Dan Kruse

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 October 11. Thanks!!

The **Board of Unity** invites supporters of the school to join them on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Unity Knight Center for an exciting Society Meeting update on the 21 Campaign. Some design changes have been made, lowering the projected costs for the project. The Board is asking for your presence to vote on the project changes.

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. There will **not** be meat certificates available the day of the auction. 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.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Blood, Sacrifices and Forgiveness. Christians have many rituals and traditions, but offering sacrifices is no longer one of them. In the book of Leviticus, God provided Israel with a holiness code and sacrificial system that addressed the sin they, as unholy people, would inevitably commit and removed the guilt they would inevitably bear. Though we no longer need to offer ritual sacrifices, studying the sacrificial system in Leviticus helps us understand more fully our need for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice and deepens our gratitude for the unimpeded relationship we can have with our God, who lives in our midst, today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: The Practice of Gratitude: “I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds” (Psalm 9:1). Each day this week, look for one thing you’re grateful for, and then tell someone about it. Write a note of thanks, make a phone call, say a prayer, or express your gratitude in another tangible way. crcna.org/FaithFormation