

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Worship ~ 6 p.m.

October 6, 2019

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! The mission of Lebanon CRC is to live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.

Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / ATLAS Orange City Area

Next Sunday's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Christian Education Fair Shares

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Dan & Miranda Gradert / Nursery next Sunday: Josh & Leah Gradert

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Wes & Donna Searcy

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek

Congregational Announcements

Church education for children and young people (preschool through high school) continues today after morning worship. Parents, please have your children and young people regularly attend, in keeping with the promises that you and the congregation made to each other at baptism.

Women's Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for five weeks, September 18 – October 16, in the church basement, studying *The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament*. For more information or questions, contact Pam Dekkers at (712) 540-1201. lifeway.com/en/product-family/the-faithful

Next Sunday, October 13, our church discipleship monthly special speaker series will follow morning worship. Scott Vreeman of Ireton will give a thirty-minute presentation which will be followed by a potluck meal in the church basement. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the presentation and meal together. Please bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to share; tableware and drink will be provided.

Council (elders and deacons) will meet Monday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. for our yearly church visit. We will be visited by Rev. Joel Kok and an elder from Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. Their task is to ascertain whether the officebearers of our church faithfully perform our duties, adhere to sound doctrine, observe the provisions of Church Order, and promote the building up of the body of Christ and the extension of God's kingdom. Members of the congregation who have a concern about congregational life and/or the present leadership of the congregation may meet with the church visitors, but must inform the council of their intention, and identify the substance of their concerns before meeting with them.

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Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (October 1 & 15) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

The deacons encourage you to consider financial gifts for the Steve and Tara Dekkers family, above and beyond support to the Dekkers Mission within our church budget. They have incurred many extra expenses related to mold within their home and Tara's health issues related to the mold. Please place checks in the offering bags through the month of October with Dekkers Family in the memo line.

Congregational Prayers and Praises

*For our shut-ins:

Elmer Bonnema	Resides at Royale Meadows Care Facility in Sioux Center
Adrian Kruid	Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
Christina Vander Esch	Resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

*For our church, that we would live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together

*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

*For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace

*For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

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*For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

*For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby Van Beek, due in January

*For Derek Bonnema and Alexa Schut, engaged to be united in covenant marriage April 18

Additional Announcements

Thank you so much for all the prayers being lifted up on behalf of Jason and our family. We have been feeling an unexplainable peace that can only be the presence of God surrounding us. Thank you, too, for the messages, texts, calls, visits, and words of encouragement. We are so grateful for you, our church family. Jason & Amanda and Charlie & Nola

The council has decided, due to declining and inconsistent attendance at evening worship, to temporarily move in a different direction on Sunday evenings. Beginning in October, we will have evening worship the first Sunday of the month, a large group study or activity the second Sunday of the month, Grow Groups (small groups) either in homes or at church the third Sunday of the month, and no formal evening activities the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month. We will try this on a trial basis through November and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at a congregational meeting in the latter part of November.

Dordt University's First Mondays Speaker Series presents Dr. Karen Swallow Prior, author and award-winning Professor of English at Liberty University, on Monday, October 7. She will present at 11 a.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on "A Noiseless Patient Spider: Reading in the Age of Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat" and at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Building Room 1606 for a short lecture and Q & A titled "A Bee in St. James' Library: Lessons from Jonathan Swift on How to Read Widely, Write Well, and Rule Twitter." Both events are free and open to the public. Find more information at theandreascenter.org or contact Emily Rowe at emily.rowe@dordt.edu or (712) 722-6434.

James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, is going to be in our area Tuesday–Wednesday, October 8–9. He will meet with families for a confidential will planning consultation at no cost and with no obligation. For more information or to schedule a complimentary conversation with Jim please call Ann Zacek at Barnabas Foundation at (888) 448-3040 (ext. 121). To help you get started, you may also request a free special resource titled "7 Reasons to Review Your Will" by simply sending an e-mail request with "7 Reasons Request" in the subject line to info@BarnabasFoundation.com.

Dordt University's Defender Days are Thursday–Saturday, October 10–12. This is the biggest campus event of the year as students, faculty, alumni, parents and friends of Dordt gather for athletic events, musical concerts, the fall theater production, special speakers, worship services, tours, social gatherings and more. For more information including schedules, costs and registration, go to dordt.edu/events/3-60900.

Sioux County Youth for Christ's next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, October 15. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Roxanne Cook at (701) 269-6352 or rcook@siouxlandyfc.org and plan to provide the goodies to Roxanne on Monday, October 14.

From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: We are the House of God ~ Jesus Christ makes clear that the firmer our foundation, the more secure we will be when the storms of life come our way. Join Groundwork in studying Ephesians 2:13-20, Matthew 7:24-27, and 1 Timothy 3:14-15 to discover the true foundation of our faith life, both individually and as a body of believers. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.reframemedia.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: If you have kids at home, check out the picture book *God's Very Good Idea: A True Story of God's Delightfully Different Family* by Trillia Newbell. It's part of a wonderful series called "Tales that Tell the Truth" from The Good Book Company, all of which would be great additions to your picture book library.

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