

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

**October 13, 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: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Christian Education Fair Share**

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Hawarden Food Pantry

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Josh & Leah Gradert / Nursery next Sunday: Myron & Nancy Gradert

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Jaron & Kadee Van Beek

## **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.

**Today**, our church discipleship monthly special speaker series will follow morning worship. Scott Vreeman of Ireton will give a thirty-minute presentation "A Fathers Story" 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.

**Tonight**, we will view American Gospel: Christ Alone (1 Hour Version; the first 40 minutes of the 2 hour, 20 minute film followed by testimony from viewers). American Gospel examines how the prosperity gospel (the Word of Faith movement) has distorted the gospel message, and how this theology is being exported abroad. [AmericanGospelfilm.com](http://AmericanGospelfilm.com)

**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.

[crcna.org/sites/default/files/churchvisiting.pdf](http://crcna.org/sites/default/files/churchvisiting.pdf)

**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.

**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](http://lifeway.com/en/product-family/the-faithful)

## **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

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

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\*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

\*For Joseph and Francis and baby Cave, due in April

## **Additional Announcements**

**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.

**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.

**Pastor Cory** will be away at Fort Jackson, SC from October 20 – November 4 for the Army's Chaplain Captain Career Course. Providing pulpit supply on Sunday mornings in Pastor Cory's absence will be: Rev. Duane Tinklenberg on October 20; Rev. Doug De Groot on October 27; and Rev. Dave Smit on November 3. Please direct concerns to the elders while Pastor Cory is away.

**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](mailto:rcook@siouxlandyfc.org) and plan to provide the goodies to Roxanne on Monday, October 14.

**Dordt University's** Andreas Center is hosting the Presidential Politics Conference of Iowa (PPCI) Thursday–Saturday, October 24–26. This national, cross-disciplinary event will be the second meeting of scholars focusing on presidential elections and presidential power, and its underlying theme is executive leadership for the common good. Confirmed speakers include Emma Green, John Inazu, Daniel McCarthy, and Michael Wear. Find more information at [theandreascenter.org/ppci](http://theandreascenter.org/ppci) and register at [ppci2019.eventbrite.com](http://ppci2019.eventbrite.com). Contact Emily Rowe at [emily.rowe@dordt.edu](mailto:emily.rowe@dordt.edu) or by calling (712) 722-6434 with any questions.

**Sioux Center CRC's Combined Reformation Worship Service** is Sunday, October 27 at 6 p.m. at Bethel CRC. A combined choir of the Sioux Center CRC's will participate in the service. If you would like to sing in this choir, please contact Deb Feekes (712) 441-1767. Rehearsals will be at 11:20 a.m. on Sundays, October 20 and 27 at Bethel CRC.

### **From Back to God Ministries International**

Groundwork: We are the Living Temple of God ~ God's people, the Church, are the Living Temple of God, God's very presence with his people. Join us as we study Ephesians 2:19-22 and John 1:14 to gain a greater understanding of the relationship God desires to reestablish with us and our identity as God's beloved people. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Family Faith Formation Tip: *Everyday Family Faith* is a pocket-sized resource for parents and caregivers who want to weave faith into everyday family life in simple, natural ways. For each day of the week it provides fun, do-able ideas and activities for exploring small portions of Scripture, praying together, talking about God together, and living out faith. Check it out at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)