

**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: Building Fund / Hawarden Food Pantry**

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Hawarden & Ireton GEMS Clubs

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Myron & Nancy Gradert / Nursery next Sunday: Val Haverhals

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Pastor Cory** is away through Monday, November 4 for the Army's Chaplain Captain Career Course. Providing pulpit supply on Sunday mornings in Pastor Cory's absence is: 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.

**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.

**Tonight**, Grow Groups will meet either in homes or at church, beginning a twelve-lesson study on *Life Lessons from Ephesians*. A list of Grow Group assignments is in your mailbox. Each group will be coordinated by one of the four elders. All are welcome and encouraged to join one of the Grow Groups in keeping with our church mission statement.

**Next sunday** the family of Rob Haverhals' invites you to join them for birthday cake and coffee after the morning service on Sunday, October 27. Rob will be celebrating his 80th birthday.

**Youth Group** will meet Sunday, November 3 after the morning service at the Zuetenhorst's.

**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 because of 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.

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (November 5 & 19) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**We are seeking** a new church secretary as Lydia Korthuis is resigning. If you are interested in this part-time paid position, please contact Pastor Cory or a current elder or deacon.

## **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

\*For Jaron & Kadee and Tatum and baby boy 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. In October and November, we will have evening worship the first Sunday of the month, a large group 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 and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at the congregational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

**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 Christian School** is hosting a discussion on navigating technology in our homes and with our kids using the book *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch. We will meet Tuesday evenings of November 12, December 10, and January 14 from 7-8 p.m. in the orchestra room. Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in participating, please register at [forms.gle/FcjDiLdW5drGCzWp7](https://forms.gle/FcjDiLdW5drGCzWp7), by Friday, October 25. There is no cost to attend and books are provided to those who register by a grant from First CRC in Sioux Center.

**Sioux Center CRC's** Combined Reformation Worship Service is Sunday, October 27 at 6 p.m. at Bethel CRC. Pastor John Lee of Bethel CRC will lead the service; Pastor Bob Pollema of Faith CRC will proclaim God's Word; and an offering will be received for the Center for Financial Education. A combined choir of the Sioux Center CRC's will participate in the service. If you would like to sing in this choir, rehearsals will be at 11:20 a.m. on Sundays, October 20 and 27, at Bethel CRC.

**An Evening of Hope:** Music and Stories Benefitting Ethiopian Children and the Tesfa Foundation Sunday evening, October 27 at First Reformed Church, Orange City, at 5:30pm.

**New Roots Ministry** of Sioux Falls is hosting "Looking Back, Yet Looking Forward: Immigrant Stories" on Saturday, November 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center, 225 E. 11th St., Sioux Falls, SD. Former refugees and immigrants of various countries will share: (1) history lessons—main causes of migration, (2) how things are now in their home country, and (3) answers to, "what do you wish we Americans would have known when you came?" No RSVP needed for this free event.

### From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Questions and Concerns about Faith ~ Have you ever worried about your faith life? Maybe you feel a great desire to grow in faith or you're concerned about giving in to past temptations. You're not alone. Study Romans 3:21-26, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Romans 6:4-14 and more with Groundwork to answer some of your questions and concerns about personal faith. 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: *The Building Blocks of Faith* are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing: (1) I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. (2) I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. (3) I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. (4) I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. For more on the Building Blocks, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits/building-blocks-faith](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits/building-blocks-faith). [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)