

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Reformation Service 6 p.m.**

**October 27, 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: General Fund / Hawarden & Ireton GEMS Clubs**

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Jonathan's House

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Val Haverhals / Nursery next Sunday: Derek & Kylie Koenen

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Jason & Amanda 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. Doug De Groot on October 27; and Rev. Dave Smit on November 3. Please direct concerns to the elders while Pastor Cory is away.

**Tonight for the evening** service there will be a combined Reformation Sunday service hosted by Bethel CRC and Faith CRC will be held at 6:00pm at Bethel CRC. Pastor John Lee will lead the service and Pastor Bob Pollema will deliver the message. An offering will be taken for the Center for Financial Education.

**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.

**Next Sunday**, November 3, during morning worship, the second offering is for Jonathan's House, a Christian mission in the Central African Republic that consists of an orphanage, a Christian school, and a medical center. It was established by Carter Strand of Marshalltown, Iowa in 2012. Learn more about this mission at [jonathanshouse.org](http://jonathanshouse.org).

**Next Sunday evening**, November 3, we will be start the video series Drive Thru the Holy Land. Come and encounter the people, places, and events that have shaped our Christian Faith and our world.

**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.

**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 a congregational meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

## **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

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- \*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

**Sioux Center CRC's** Combined Reformation Worship Service is tonight, October 27 at 6 p.m. at Bethel CRC. Pastor John Lee of Bethel will lead the service; Pastor Bob Pollema of Faith will proclaim God's Word; and a combined choir of the Sioux Center CRC's will participate in the service. An offering will be received for the Center for Financial Education.

**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.

**Tonic Sol-Fa**, Emmy-winning *a cappella* ensemble, is coming to the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, \$5 for kids; and are available at the Sioux Center City Office, the Fruited Plain, or online at [siouxcity.eventbrite.com](http://siouxcity.eventbrite.com).

**Justice For All's** Fall Banquet and Annual Society Meeting is Thursday, November 14 at 6 p.m. Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Our special guest speaker this year will be Garry Matthewson, Founder and Director of Harvest Hands Ministries, who will be sharing about the beautiful kingdom work HHM is doing with Resplandor da Vida Children's Home of Juarez, Mexico. Reservations for the meal are necessary and can be made by calling (712) 476-2804 or emailing [joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org) by Thursday, November 7.

**Unity Christian High School** is having a special Society meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. The Society will have the opportunity that night to vote on a Capital Campaign to add a second gym, a science wing, and a transportation building to our campus. To learn more about this project, you can read a special edition campaign newsletter available at our supporting churches or online at [unitychristian.net](http://unitychristian.net).

**Western Christian High School's** Fall Bonanza is Friday, November 22 and will include an online auction (which will run from October 28 to November 18), a live auction, and the always popular Kids's Carnival. A chuckwagon supper is new for this year's meal. Go to [westernchristianhs.com](http://westernchristianhs.com) for more information.

### From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Questions about the Faith of our Families ~ How do I nurture the faith of my children? My heart aches for a loved one who doesn't believe in God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 1:18-19a, and more to answer questions you have sent us about encouraging the faith of those we know and love. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://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](http://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: "Regardless of what a family looks like, its adult members can have a big impact on the development of children's faith. And they do that primarily by modeling faith in everyday moments. What do those moments look like? They are amazingly ordinary. Holding hands, praying at the table, going to bed... talking about a bad day at school—those moments all have the potential to form faith."—from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation* by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org). [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)