

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 / Cornerstone Prison Church

Next Sunday's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / The Gospel Mission of Sioux City

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Dan & Dana Dunn / Nursery next Sunday: Dan & Miranda Gradert

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

Sunday school and catechism classes meet following morning worship today. 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, we will continue our Grow Groups study on the book of James (LifeWay.com/JamesStudy). We will gather in the sanctuary together at 6 p.m. for the Session 4 video (37 minutes) in this 13-session study and then breakout into small groups in the narthex, the council room, and the east and west sides of the basement. Nursery is provided for little ones and supervision is provided for preschool – 1st grade in the small classroom at the bottom of the basement steps while small groups meet. All other children and young people are welcome and encouraged to join a small group.

Nominees for elder are Dan Dunn, Lloyd Dekkers, and Jerry Steenhoek. Nominees for deacon are Ashley Dekkers, Jaron Van Beek, and Jason Van Driessen (two other deacon nominees declined their nomination). Confessing members age 18 and above in good standing will vote to affirm or not affirm each nominee next Sunday, November 4, following morning worship. A ¾ majority vote from congregation is required for each nominee to be affirmed.

We are seeking a new church custodian due to Christy Zeutenhorst accepting full-time employment with Hope Haven. A job description is available from Dan Gradert. If you are interested in this part-time paid position, please inform Dan by October 31, after which we will look outside the congregation. Thank you Christy for your time serving as our custodian and for continuing until we find your replacement!

Holy Roar Night of Worship: On Thursday evening, November 1, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, you are invited to a night of worship with Chris Tomlin, via livestream, as he sings songs from his new album *Holy Roar* and tells the story of the book by the same title that was the influence behind the album and our current Sunday morning sermon series.

Next Sunday, November 4, the Unity Christian High School Knightsounds will join us for evening worship and share with us their gifts of music and song!

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Monday, November 5; consistory at 6:30 p.m. and council at 7:30 p.m. As always, direct any questions or concerns to an elder or deacon or Pastor Cory.

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (November 6 & 20) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

Thanksgiving Dinner: There will be an all-church Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 18 following the morning worship service. Watch for details. There is a signup sheet on the back table for those who know they will attend.

Congregational Prayers and Praises

*For our shut-ins:

Elmer Bonnema

Resides at Crown Pointe Assisted Living in Sioux Center

Adrian Kruid

Resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta

Severt & Christina Vander Esch

Reside at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

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

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

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- *For others dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy and/or sufficient grace
- *For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus
- *For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- *For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- *For Cate Cave, living in Mexico
- *For Joseph Cave and Francis Momberg, engaged to be married December 1
- *For Josh and Leah and baby Gradert, due in January

Other Announcements

The Annual Sioux Center CRC Combined Reformation Day Service is tonight, October 28 at Covenant CRC at 6 p.m. We hope to pack the house and raise the roof as we worship, pray, and hear God's Word together. This year Covenant and Bridge of Hope are in charge of the service but due to Bridge of Hope Pastor Joel DeBoer's recovery from West Nile virus and meningitis, Pastor John Lee of Bethel will give the message. An offering will be received for Resonate Global Mission. Please join us as we celebrate and confess that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, for the glory of God alone!

Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare's 4th Annual Fall Banquet is Monday, October 29 at Carmel Reformed Church, with a fellowship time and silent auction from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and dinner, testimonials and a ministry update from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Come learn about KBPA, get updates on what has happened in the past year and find out what is being planned for the future! Please RSVP with Rhonda Haverhals at (605) 695-0059 or rhonda.h@kingdomboundaries.org or register online at kingdomboundaries.org/events.

Rev. Walt & Valerie Shepard: How does God use a young missionary child whose father was martyred to grow his kingdom? Come hear Valerie Elliot Shepard, the daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot, answer this question as she speaks with her husband Rev. Walt Shepard at a free event on Friday, November 2 at the Unity Christian High School Knight Center from 7 – 8:30 p.m.. There is no registration required and a freewill offering will be received.

Ireton Christian School's 9th Annual Ladies Expo is Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the school. There will be coffee and cookies, a bake sale, raffle items and lots of great new and returning vendors.

Unity Christian High School is hosting the Christmas with Selah Tour featuring Selah and Geoffrey Andrews on Saturday, December 1 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets, which are \$23, are now on sale online at the following link and will likely sell out quickly: itickets.com/events/402864.html. Prior to the concert, there will be a dinner in the gymnasium from 5:20 – 6:40 p.m. This dinner requires an RSVP to the school office at (712) 737-4114. It is a catered meal with an opportunity to give a free-will donation and is replacing the Hostess Supper that has taken place in the past. In addition, we will be auctioning off delicious desserts at the end of the meal to each table as a second way to support the mission of Unity Christian High School that evening.

“Good Battle” Israel Tours: There are still trips to Israel in 2018 or 2019 with author Cliff Graham and his team at 60% off of the normal price for a guided Israel tour—first come, first served. If interested or for more information, go to goodbattletours.com, or contact Cliff Graham at hello@cliffgraham.com, or check out his Facebook page at facebook.com/cliffgrahamauthor, or talk to Charlie or Nola or Amanda Van Driessen.

From Back to God Ministries International

The Tower of Babel: What is the purpose of this curious story? Study Genesis 11:1-9 with Groundwork to learn what God's intervention in a human effort to build a tower to the heavens teaches us about our human motivation and human efforts, our need for God, and God's ultimate plan for all nations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Faith Formation Tip: Faith5 is a simple five-step family faith formation practice that your family can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Faith5 is great for kids of all ages! Check it out at Faith5.org. crcna.org/FaithFormation