

November 8, 2020

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church

The mission of Lebanon CRC is
To live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MINISTRIES AT LEBANON

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome **Rev. Doug Van Aartsen** to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Denominational Quotas / Mid Sioux

Next Sunday's offerings: Christian Education / Zestos

Ministry Spotlight: We will highlight the mission of who we support through offering and prayer. Next week we are taking offering for Zestos. Zestos is a grassroots expression of faith in action that breaks down barriers between people. The idea is that an act of compassion can open doors for healing and grace. When we put others first everything changes. Simple things done by caring people do have eternal results. The Zestos family is a fellowship of volunteers living out our faith and caring for our neighbor by providing food, clothing, shelter, household items and/or services.

Next Sunday, we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra as he leads us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education for preschool through high school will meet today after morning worship.

Approved **nominations for Elder** are Jerry Steenhoek, Charlie Van Driessen, Wayne Dekkers, and Orlan Gulker. Approved **nominations for Deacon** are Al Van Whye and Jesse Zeutenhorst. 2 elders and 1 deacon are needed. Sunday, November 15, the congregation will vote to affirm these names. We will cast lots on November 22.

'Our visit to Lebanon CRC was completely enjoyable! We loved getting to meet so many of you! Thank you for allowing us to worship and fellowship with you! We are praying for God's will to be done!

Blessings, Pastor Shawn & Stacie'

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9, 2020 Council meets. 6:30 pm elders, 7:30 pm full council.

The **Annual Christian Education Auction** that was postponed from April will be held **Wednesday, November 11 @ 7 pm in the church basement**. Please contact the businesses that you were given at that time for donations.

Other donations of baked goods or other items/services are also welcome. Please let Julie know by **today** (Tuesday, 10th at the latest) what you have for donations so it will be included on the list. If you are willing to help with the clerking or lunch there is a signup sheet by the mailboxes or let Julie know (julie@mtcnet.net or 712-441-3103). Thanks in advance!

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PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- For Jason and Amanda Van Driessen and family and baby due February 2021.
- **Praying for our Local Congregations:** November 8 – Bridge of Hope Congregation

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners, We're writing to give you a short update and to specifically ask for your continued prayers for God's peace here in West Africa. Presidential elections were recently held in our host country. The results of those elections were contested by main political challengers which resulted in an ongoing cycle of socio-political unrest. As a result, internet services were cut off for several days throughout the country and as of now, access to social networking is yet denied. The main challenger in the election filed a formal complaint to challenge the results at the supreme court level. Life and movements have been getting better in the past few days, but there is still a lot of tension and the possibility of yet another cycle of unrest as the supreme court prepares to make an announcement in about a week regarding whether the election results are validated or rejected.

We covet your prayers for God's special mercy, compassion, and divine protection not only in our host country, but also in other countries in the West and Central Africa region. For example, presidential elections were also recently held in Ivory Coast, and they are experiencing unrest as well. Other countries particularly in need of prayer for peace include Nigeria, Niger and Central African Republic. In Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

The **Fall Bonanza** has been a strong community building and fundraising event for **Western Christian** for 39 years. This year we will take a break from an in-person gathering and auction. The Board of Western Christian High invites you to bid for and purchase items and gift cards, exclusively through our online auction platform. The link to the online auction is on our website. The Auction opens Friday, Oct. 30 at 1:00p and closes on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 1 pm. Auction proceeds benefit all students and all experiences. Meat orders are due no later than Nov.2. Order forms can be found on the website.

Unity Christian High School Combo Night: Join us for Combo Night on Thursday, November 12 as we perform on stage of the Knight Center. From the students involved in the One Act to the students in the Jazz Band and The Cast, each finds a place in the group and on the stage. Performances begin at 7:00. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and students (K-12) can be purchased at the door. Come for a night of entertainment and laughs!

Ireton Christian School is hosting our **2nd Annual Festival of Trees** Friday and Saturday, November 20th & 21st. Friday viewing will be from 5pm to 9pm, freewill donation supper will be served from 5pm to 8pm pulled pork, pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans and a roll. Saturday special viewing and breakfast for those at high risk for COVID from 8am to 9am, regular viewing from 9am to 1pm freewill breakfast will be served until 11am egg bake and cinnamon rolls. *all food is as quantities last* Admission is \$15 for family or \$5 per person. Advanced family tickets available for \$10 at ICS or by calling Tracy 551-6163 Amy 551-7804 Aftan 441-6259 or Nicole 449-5044

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Christ Glorified: Love and Humble Sacrifice: Halfway through the gospel of John, there is a noticeable shift. John turns our attention from Jesus' public ministry to focus instead on the foundational teachings Jesus shared with his disciples in his last week. Jesus acknowledges that his hour has indeed drawn near and with a new urgency, he conveys the most important truths about himself and about God the Father. As we study the stories about Jesus washing his disciples' feet and declaring that he is the only way to the Father, we discover the deep love of a God willing to do whatever it takes to save us. Join us as we discuss what humility in service looks like today when we follow Jesus' example in becoming a servant of all.