

November 22, 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 **Mr. Merlyn Sandbulte** to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Benevolent Fund / Justice for All

Next Sunday's offerings: Budget / Habitat for Humanity

Ministry Spotlight: We will highlight the mission of who we support through offering and prayer. Next week we are taking offering for Habitat for Humanity. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Their vision is: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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. We will cast lots today.

The Council has decided to put Rev. Bob Drenton and Rev. Shawn Abbas on duo for our next pastor. Rev. Bob Drenton will preach at Lebanon on Sunday, December 6.

Missionary Support update: Dekkers family is at \$3185 with a commitment of \$4000 and the Maletoungou family is at \$2403 with a commitment of \$3000. If you would like to give, the deacons ask that you put it in with the regular offering either in an envelope or written in the memo line. Lebanon church fiscal year ends November 30th and the deacons ask that it be done by then.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm will be our **Thanksgiving Service** and communion led by Rev. Tinklenberg. Thanksgiving offering will be for Resonate Global. Resonate Global's vision and mission is: casting a vision for God's mission; equipping missional leaders: guiding new church development; and partnering with CRCNA congregations and other churches and ministries worldwide to bring the Gospel to people, neighborhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

Congregational Meeting: Note date change to Monday, December 7, at 7:00 pm.

Council meeting: December 14. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

A special Christmas service is planned for Sunday, December 20, and will include Christmas Carols and readings.



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 22 – Central Reformed Congregation

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Everyone over 2 years of age should wear a mask. Practice social distancing. No handshakes, or other physical contact.

At the present time we are not offering nursery, but we encourage parents to attend with their children and are welcome to use the nursery for a quiet space during the service if needed.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends and Partners at Lebanon CRC, **Thank you for your recent gift** towards our ministry of Christian education in West Africa! Your partnership enables us to serve Christian educators in this part of the world by supporting them through training and coaching. Specifically, over the past few months, we have been developing a Bible teaching curriculum, training elementary school teachers in teaching reading, serving preschool teachers to strengthen their knowledge and practices, and creating opportunities for reflection and dialogue on Biblical integration through various trainings and discussion groups. Thank you again for supporting us in this journey! Together in Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

Unity Christian is excited to announce the creation of a new position: Marketing and Alumni Relations Coordinator. We are looking to hire an individual who will work in a team environment assisting the school in promoting the weekly happenings at school in various social media platforms. This individual would also assist in connecting alumni and potential families to the school through communications and events. To learn more, interested candidates are encouraged to contact Wayne Dykstra at 712-737-4114 or wdykstra@unitychristian.net.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: The Final Events of Jesus' Earthly Life: As the gospel of John details the final events of Jesus' earthly life, it is clear that Jesus goes to the cross knowingly and willingly. Study the stories of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion, and witness the truth woven through John's gospel. Hear Jesus pronounce his work finished, remember the resurrection, and watch Thomas' doubt dissipate. See the fulfillment of the message John urgently declared in his opening chapter "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it," and let the final events of Jesus' earthly life lead you to believe more fully in him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries the Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. crcna.org/FaithFormation