

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Activity ~ 6 p.m.**

**November 3, 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: Maletoungou Mission / Jonathan's House**

Next Sunday's offerings: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Ireton Christian School

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Derek & Kylie Koenen / Nursery next Sunday: Jon & Lydia Korthuis

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Cory & Arla Van Sloten

## **Congregational Announcements**

**Pastor Cory** is away through Monday, November 4 for the Army's Chaplain Captain Career Course. Providing pulpit supply this morning is Rev. Dave Smit. Please direct concerns to the elders while Pastor Cory is away.

**The Ireton GEMS** thanks you for your gift! We will use the funds for supplies, activities, and service projects, encouraging the girls in their walk with their Savior, building relationships with each other and with Jesus, and affirming that they are LOVED. A child of the King! We appreciate your generosity!

**This morning**, after the morning service the youth group will meet at the Darryl and Christy Zuetenhorst house.

**Tonight**, for our large group activity, we will view *Luther: The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer*, a documentary about the events God used in Luther's life that led him to rediscover the gospel of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. [Lutherdocumentary.com](http://Lutherdocumentary.com)

**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.

**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.

**Next Sunday**, November 10, we are invited to a combined evening worship service at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6 p.m. to worship God, to hear God's Word from Rev. Jul Medenblik, President of Calvin Theological Seminary, and to fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ from other local CRC congregations. Rev. Medenblik's biography can be found at [calvinseminary.edu/about/president](http://calvinseminary.edu/about/president).

**On Sunday, November 17**, our church discipleship monthly special speaker series will follow morning worship. Kayla Raymond from Touch of Hope Haiti will give a thirty-minute presentation about God's kingdom in Haiti. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the presentation.

**On Sunday, November 24**, we will have a Thanksgiving meal together following morning worship. Bring a traditional Thanksgiving hot and/or cold dish to share; tableware and drink will be provided.

## **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

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- \*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 study or 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 through November and allow the congregation to give feedback for determining future direction at a congregational meeting in the latter part of November.

**Soup Supper** at Central Reformed Church on Tuesday November 5, serving 5-7 pm. Freewill offering. Assorted soups, tavern, creamed chicken buns, and homemade pie with ice cream.

**Western Christian High School** Theater Department presents the musical “Little Women”, based on Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel, on Thursday, November 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 online or \$10 at the door. Online tickets can be purchased at [itickets.com/events/435583.html](http://itickets.com/events/435583.html).

**Faith and Immigration: Getting Beyond the Rhetoric**, is Tuesday, November 12 from 7-9 p.m. on the campus of Northwestern College in the Learning Commons Vogel Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). This evening is sponsored by the CRCNA Office of Social Justice, the Evangelical Immigration Table, the National Immigration Forum, and Northwestern College; and will feature a panel discussion moderated by Martha Draayer, Hispanic Community Liaison at Northwestern College; and including Mark Prosser, Storm Lake Chief of Police; Enrique Sanchez, Pastor of Solid Rock Ministries in Storm Lake; Melissa Stek of the CRCNA Office of Social Justice; and Alex Vasquez of Sioux County Young Life.

**Sioux County Youth for Christ’s** next Goodie Giveaway is Tuesday, November 12. Would you like to bless West Sioux Middle and High School students with some homemade goodies? If so, contact Roxanne Cook at (701) 269-6352 or [rcook@siouxlandyfc.org](mailto:rcook@siouxlandyfc.org) and plan to provide the goodies to Roxanne on Monday, November 11.

**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 Resplendor 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.

**Sioux County Youth for Christ’s** *Be the Story Banquet* is Tuesday, November 19 at 6 p.m. in the Hawarden Community Center. Come for a free meal and an evening of heartfelt stories of youth involved in YfC programs in Hawarden. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 12 to Tom Cook at (701) 269-6259 or [tom@siouxlandyfc.org](mailto:tom@siouxlandyfc.org).

**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

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