

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m.**

**November 10, 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: CRCNA Ministry Shares / Ireton Christian School**

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Benevolence Fund

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Jon & Lydia Korthuis / Nursery next Sunday: Jake & Angie Liston

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Broc & Sara Yesda

## **Congregational Announcements**

**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.

**Tonight**, 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).

**Nominees** for elder are Verlyn Dekkers and Jerry Steenhoek; nominees for deacon are Josh Gradert and Al Van Wyhe. Confessing members age 18 and above in good standing will vote to affirm or not affirm each nominee next Sunday, November 17, following morning worship. A  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of affirmation from the congregation is required for each nominee to be affirmed. Lots will be cast from among affirmed nominees on Sunday morning, November 17 to determine new officebearers.

**Next 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.

**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.

**On Sunday, November 24**, we will have a Thanksgiving meal together following morning worship and church education. Please signup by the mailboxes both for planning to attend and to bring food. Tableware and drink will be provided.

## **Congregational Prayers and 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 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

\*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.

**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' Carnival. A chuckwagon supper is new for this year's meal. Go to [westernchristianhs.com](http://westernchristianhs.com) for more information

**Unity Christian High School** is hosting the Selah Christmas Tour on Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at the Unity office or online at [itickets.com/events/418923.html](http://itickets.com/events/418923.html).

### From Back to God Ministries International

Groundwork: Making Sense of Setbacks ~ Just like most building and construction projects, we can expect to encounter setbacks in our lives. Join us as we study the setbacks Ezra and Nehemiah faced in Ezra 3-4 and Ezra 7:8-28 to gain a greater understanding and biblical perspective for enduring our own trials and setbacks. Listen at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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### From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: "Wondering questions" are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture. For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like "I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?" "I wonder what it would be like if there were no predators in our world?" "I wonder what you would feel like if you were the first person in God's creation?" [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)