

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Grow Groups ~ 6 p.m. November 17, 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: Building Fund / Benevolence Fund

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Ireton Cadet Club

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Jake & Angie Liston / Nursery next Sunday: Darin & Amy Noyes

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

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.

Thank you, Lebanon CRC congregation, for being so loving and kind to our father for all these years! He loved this church and grew in his faith every Sunday. Elmer loved the cards and visits you gave to him. Thank you for all the things you did for the funeral--thank you, thank you!! God was glorified and that's all dad wanted in his life and funeral. Mary, Lavonne, and Barb (Elmer's girls)

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 today following morning worship. A ¾ majority vote of affirmation from the congregation is required for each nominee to be affirmed. Lots will be cast from among affirmed nominees next Sunday morning, November 24, to determine new officebearers.

Today, 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 attend.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will meet Monday, November 18; 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 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 24, we will have a Thanksgiving meal together following morning worship and church education. Please sign-up today by the mailboxes both for planning to attend and to bring food. Tableware and drink will be provided.

Thanksgiving Eve worship is Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. As part of our giving thanks, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and an offering will be received for Resonate Global Mission.

Lessons in Carols Service will be Sunday, afternoon December 8th at 3pm. Hawarden and Ireton CRC are invited to join us.

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

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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 on Monday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

Chaplaincy and Care Sunday is today, November 17. On the third Sunday of each November, churches throughout the CRCNA take time to pray for and encourage the work of chaplains. Based on annual reports, we estimate that our 146 chaplains minister to over 2 million people every year. Chaplains are called to be a light in the darkness, to bring Christ's grace, peace and healing to those who need it the most. They need the support of our congregations so they may continue in their life-giving ministry. To learn more about Chaplaincy and Care Ministry and our chaplains, or to donate to our ministry, go to crcna.org/chaplaincy.

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. Absentee ballots are available on the school's website.

Ireton Christian School is hosting a Festival of Trees Friday, November 22nd from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday November 23rd 9am to Noon. Come and see over 30 theme decorated trees, over 20 Wreaths for bid on silent auction, kids games and prizes, photo booth and other silent auction items. A craft and bake sale is also happening both days. **We would love anyone who is will, to make some baked goods for our sale! Please have the goods at Ireton Christian School by 5pm on Friday, November 22.** Friday night supper served from 5pm until 8pm including pork loin, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans and dinner rolls. Saturday morning breakfast served from 9am to 11am including cinnamon rolls and egg bake. Admission for the event is \$15 for families and \$5 for individuals. Advanced family tickets are on sale for \$10. These are available at school or from a committee member Tracy De Bruin, Amy Noyes, Kim Rens or Nicole Wielenga.

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 for more information

Ireton Christian School's Fall Musical and Band Concert will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Ireton Christian School gym. The program will start with a band concert and "We Three Spies" musical program will follow. We hope to see you there!

Crossroads Prison Ministries, in collaboration with the Institute of Prison Ministries, is hosting a gathering for mentors and prospective mentors in northwest Iowa on Saturday, December 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Doug Cupery, Church Mobilization Director for Crossroads, will share vision and stories of ministry impact. Anyone interested in potentially becoming a mentor to a prisoner can attend this gathering. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Joni at jjessup@cpministries.org by November 25. cpministries.org

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.