

February 28, 2021

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

This morning, Pastor Bob's message, "Mirror, Mirror," is from Mark 1:29-34 and Isaiah 53:4-5. Jesus comes to us not only to help us, but to reveal our true need of him.

Next Sunday, Pastor Bob's sermon, "The Sheep and the Goat" is from Mark 14:32-52 and Isaiah 53:6. We will explore the connection between us as straying sheep and the scapegoat of the Old Testament.

Today's offerings: Budget / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / ATLAS

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we will take offering for ATLAS. ATLAS is a faith-based, non-profit, community organization existing to: Help the Hurting, Equip the followers of Jesus, Unite the community. ATLAS strives to help those in our community who are hurting or are in need by: providing a welcoming place of contact, assessing needs, providing resources to meet needs and develop life skills, referring to other professional services as needed, sharing Jesus as the way to life and lasting change, and providing a connection to a local church.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will meet today after the morning service.

The council is looking for several volunteers to be part of a **decorating committee** for the church sanctuary and narthex. If interested, please talk to a member of council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Council meeting March 8. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

Classis Iakota meeting March 2 at Faith CRC in Sioux Center.

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 a meaningful season of Lent, reflecting deeply on the gift of Jesus Christ crucified for our sins and raised for our victory
- For milder temperatures and the promise of Spring
- For Ireton Christian School in their search for new teachers
- For Steve & Tara Dekkers, and for the one Steve is witnessing to through the study of the Gospel of John
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou and their work in East Africa
- For Pastor Cory & Arla Van Sloten and their family, and for Pastor Cory's continued chaplain service overseas
- Praying for our Local Congregations: February 28 – Peace Lutheran Congregation, Pastor Bill Loeffke

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Masks are encouraged. 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.

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

Would YOU like to learn more about **Habitat for Humanity** and a future Habitat home in Hawarden? Come to a **6:30PM information meeting on March 2 at the Hawarden Public Library** and learn how to apply for Habitat's homeownership program or how to be involved. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje, at 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org

The **Dordt University Choral Department** will present a Choral Ensembles Concert on Friday, March 5 at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Due to limited seating because of the current pandemic, this concert is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686> . Only those who have received a ticket from a musician may attend in person.

Saturday, March 6: At 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, the **Dordt University Campus Band and Chamber Orchestra** will present a concert. Due to limited seating because of the current pandemic, this concert is not open to the public but will be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686> . Only those who have received a ticket from a musician may attend in person.

Unity Christian High School will present *The Diary of Anne Frank* on March 18, 19 & 20 with tickets on sale through itickets.com on March 1. The cost of the tickets are K-12, \$5.00, adults, \$8.00. We hope you will join us!

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old? You may qualify for the **FREE Head Start or Child Development Program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity**. For more information on this free preschool program contact 800-859-2025.

Bethel CRC will be offering a marriage event called The Art of Marriage at our Lighthouse on Friday, March 19 – Saturday, March 20. This is a smaller version of the Weekend to Remember marriage conference. Cost is \$30 per couple and deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 14. Art of Marriage Preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV66dQZAdBM> . If you have any questions, please contact Dan Elgersma at dan@bethelcsc.org .

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Father, Forgive Them: With his dying breaths, Jesus petitions the Father to forgive. Why was Jesus' first word about forgiveness? Who was he forgiving? Studying these brief yet pointed words of intercession Christ speaks from the cross gives us greater understanding of the Christian practice of forgiveness, what makes it so powerful, and why it relates to our salvation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries: The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Cornel West said, "Justice is what love looks like in public." How might you share the love of Jesus by practicing justice in public this week in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your city? Crcna.org/FaithFormation