

**February 7, 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**

**Welcome to Lebanon Church!** This morning it is our joy to celebrate holy communion. If you are our guest and you belong to another church where you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, you are welcomed to join us as we eat and drink.

**Pastor Bob's sermon**, "Be Still," is from Psalm 46 and Mark 1:21-28. How should we hear God declaring, "Be still and know that I am God?" What does that mean?

**Next Sunday morning**, Pastor Bob's message, "When This World Meets the Kingdom of God," explores the account in Mark 8:34-9:13 of the transfiguration of Jesus.

#### **Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Hawarden Youth for Christ**

Next Sunday's offerings: Denominational Quotas / Love INC.

**Ministry Spotlight:** Next week we will take offering for Love INC. For 31+ years, Love INC of Sioux County has been serving Northwest Iowa through the mobilization of the local church network. Through the partnerships with these churches, we have strived to fulfill the mandate of Christ—to minister to the poor and needy in our community. These partnerships have produced hundreds of church volunteers that have helped meet the needs of those struggling financially, socially, emotionally, and, above all, spiritually.

### **CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Education** will meet today after the morning service.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those willing to **help with nursery** for families of small children.

The Graceful Givers would like to remind everyone to send **notes of encouragement to both Cory and Arla** during his deployment as Lebanon is his calling church. There is a bag on top of the mailboxes that you may place notes and they will be passed on, or you may put them in the mail using Arla's address in the directory.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Council meeting February 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
- Wayne Dekkers submitted to a biopsy last Tuesday at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls. The results showed no sign of cancer. The biopsy discovered an inflammation, and Wayne will receive care from another doctor to help heal that infection. We give praise and thanks to God for answered prayers!
- 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 Jason and Amanda Van Driessen and family and baby due February 2021.
- 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
- Praying for our Local Congregations: February 7 – Lebanon Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Bob Drenten

### 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

Looking for an adult's night out? **Ireton Christian School is hosting a Winter Social and Dessert Dash** Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Our evening will begin at 5:45 with a social hour, catered dinner served at 6:30 entertainment at 7:00 and Dessert Dash at 7:30. Dinner menu: Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Baby red potatoes, green beans, lettuce salad and a roll. Desserts will be bid on and shared by the table. The table (8 guests) with the highest bid will get first choice to claim the table's dessert. Tickets available - \$20/guest or \$160/table. Please call Amy 551-7804, Tracy 551-6163, Angie 541-7522 or Chris 463-2060 by February 12<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat/table.

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.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: Prayer: We all know that as Christians we are *supposed* to pray, but do you ever wonder *how* to pray or *why* we pray? Prayer, at its core, is a conversation with God. It seems simple, and yet many Christians struggle to pray during various seasons of our lives. If you're struggling with feeling unworthy or unequipped to pray or if you're questioning whether prayer does any good when God already knows our hearts and the future, take heart that the rich tradition of prayer found in scripture serves as our guide and demonstrates just how important prayer is to the Christian life. So, join *Groundwork* as we examine scripture to better understand the spiritual discipline of prayer, learn how this discipline strengthens our connection with God, and discuss how we can cultivate this practice in our daily lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

**From Faith Formation Ministries: The Practice of Justice and Mercy:** Proverbs 14:31 says, "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Who in your community is needy? What might you do to show kindness to that person or group of people? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).) [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)