

March 21, 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 is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Isaiah 53:10 and Mark 15:1-15. The will of the crowd in Jerusalem, the will of Pontius Pilate, and the will of God all swirl about “The King of the Jews.” What is “God’s will?” What does, “God’s will for us,” have to do with Jesus?

Next week we celebrate Palm Sunday. We will remember Jerusalem welcoming Jesus, as presented in Mark 11:1-11. Pastor Bob’s message, “Who Believes?” will be from Isaiah 53:1-3. Even when we can quote God’s Word by memory only God can help us understand his message.

Today’s offerings: Building Fund / Christian Education

Next Sunday’s offerings: Budget / JFA

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we will take offering for JFA. At Justice for All, we understand we live in a broken world and that to help correct some of the brokenness, we must live out our calling to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God, daily.

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Jerry & Joy Steenhoek
Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and remembering our shut-ins next week: Jaron & Kadee VanBeek

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education will meet today after the morning service.

Anyone interested in **donating an Easter Lily for the Easter Sunrise Service**, please call Edie Dekkers at 712-441-4536

UPCOMING EVENTS

Time for Spring Cleaning! We will have a Clean-Up Day for the Lebanon Church grounds on **Saturday, March 27, at 9:00am.** Please contact Jaron or Josh with questions.

Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm. - Maundy Thursday service with communion.

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00am. on Sunday, April 4. Youth Group will serve breakfast following the service with free will donations accepted.

Sunday, April 11 - 6:00pm. evening service at Lebanon. Fellowship Coffee hostesses: Kim D. and Val H.

Council meeting April 12. Elders meet at 6:30pm, full council meets at 7:30pm.

Christian Education Auction – Wednesday, April 14. See your church mailbox for further information about donations.

Sunday, May 2 – 6:00pm. Evening service at Lebanon. Fellowship Coffee will be served.

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 our faith, hope, and love to grow as we join all Christians, remembering Jesus' journey to the cross and through the tomb from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday
- For the Lord's blessing on the spring fieldwork. For the blessings of safety and for the Lord to provide the needed conditions for planting and growth of our crops
- For Ireton Christian School in their search for new teachers
- For Steve & Tara Dekkers to share the gospel in their mission work
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou, and the Christian schools they serve in East Africa
- For Pastor Cory & Arla Van Sloten, that God would encourage them through his chaplaincy deployment overseas
- Praying for our Local Congregations: March 21 – Bethel Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor John Lee

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

Youth for Christ will host an open house at their Teen Center in Hawarden on March 23 noon-6pm to celebrate 5 years of being reopened and of ministry. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom at 701-269-6259.

Western Christian Grandparent's Day - The date for Grandparent's Day has been updated to **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. We invite all Grandparent's of Senior students to join us from 9:00-11:00am on that day.

Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University Campus on Saturday, April 10. The two groups performing are The Anderegg Family and New Legacy. Show times are 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

The **Dordt University Social Work Department** is hosting a **pancake breakfast** at the Dordt Commons on Saturday, March 27 from 7-10am with free-will donations for Lutheran Social Services foster care within the Sioux County region. Masks are required on Dordt's campus. Please contact nkjth@dordt.edu with any questions.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Why Have You Forsaken Me? *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!?"* Is it possible for God to abandon Jesus Christ as he hangs dying on the cross? What actually happens in this moment as Jesus cries out in agony? What does it mean for those times we think God has forsaken us? Discover deep truths about hell, salvation, what it means for Jesus to be God's Son, and God's promises to us as we study what is quite possibly the most famous of Jesus' words from the cross.

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From Faith Formation Ministries: The Practice of Listening: What would happen if we all listened to others just as deeply and lovingly as God listens to us? How would that change our family life, our work life, our interactions with our neighbor, or our online presence? Crcna.org/FaithFormation