

March 27, 2022

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

“The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” – 2 Peter 3:9

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church. Let us welcome the gift of God’s grace today!

Today marks the fourth Sunday of Lent, a season where we focus on the dying and rising of Christ. We welcome Rev. David Smit as he leads our worship today. Pastor Bob is fulfilling an assignment from Classis Iakota to preach at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls.

Next Sunday Morning – We gather for worship at 9:30 AM. Our worship service will include an extended time of prayer seeking God’s blessing on our labor. As we look forward to a season of planting and growth, we see our deep dependence on our Father to grant needed rain and growing conditions. As we face fresh economic challenges of inflation, employment, and supply, we learn once again that all things are in our Father’s hands. We look to God our Father with trust and will seek our Father’s care in prayer.

Today’s offerings: Budget / Hope Food Pantry

Next Sunday’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / World Renew – Ukraine Relief

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Verlyn & Karel Dekkers

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

March Special Music – Lloyd & Bonnie Dekkers

April Special Music – Barry & Jodi Haverhals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to plan for the annual **Christian Education Auction**. It is tentatively scheduled for the second full week in April. A list of businesses to contact is not being given this year, but feel free to contact those that you did in the past that supported the sale or places you do business with. Other donations such as baked goods or gift cards are also welcome. It takes donations from all to make the sale a success. Please let Julie know by the Sunday prior to the sale what items will be donated to include on the master list for the night of the sale (email julie@mtcnet.net or cell/text 712-441-3103). Thanks in advance for supporting Christian education!

Our annual **church grounds clean-up** will be **Saturday, April 2, at 9:00 AM**. In case of poor weather, the alternate date is April 9.

We will observe our **Prayer Service for God’s Blessing on Our Labor** next Sunday morning, April 3, within our worship service. We will begin at 9:30 AM to allow for additional time for our prayer service.

We will gather for **Easter Sunday worship**, April 17 at 6:30 AM, for a Sunrise Service. We will begin gathered in the cemetery until sunrise (6:40 AM) and then continue worship in the sanctuary. Our youth group will serve a **breakfast** after the worship service.

The council has decided to purchase at least 30 copies of the hymnal, Lift Up Your Hearts, published by Faith Alive of the Christian Reformed Church. The cost of 30 hymnals is around \$750. The deacons will be arranging an offering in the future to raise these funds. Funds raised above this goal will allow us to purchase more hymnals. Most of the songs we sing are selected from this hymnal.

There will be no evening worship service on Easter, April 17, but rather plan to attend evening worship on Sunday, April 24.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 27

- 9:45 AM – Morning Worship – Rev. Dave Smit leads us in worship
- Sunday School & High School Catechism
 - Easter Choir practice

Wednesday, March 30

- 7:00 PM – Men’s Bible Study – Continuing lesson 4, 1 Corinthians: Wisdom for Living
7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study

Saturday, April 2

9:00 AM- Church Grounds Clean-Up Day

Sunday, April 3

- 9:30 AM – Morning Worship & Prayer Service
- Sunday School & High School Catechism
 - Easter Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM – Evening Worship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian & Greeta Kruid at home in Sioux Center
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- Pray for Myriel Cave as she deals with severe back pain.
- Pray for preparations to observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.
- Continue to pray for an end to war in Ukraine. Pray for our nation’s leadership joining with leaders around the world seeking a path to peace. Pray, too, for those we know who have family connections to Ukraine. Remember Pastor Vashya and Maranda Heytsi as they bring God’s mercy and hope, caring for many refugees.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers and their outreach to their neighbors in College Station, Texas. Ask the Lord to touch lives through their work, made possible in part through our financial support.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and their leadership in Guinea, West Africa. Pray that the Lord will provide the donors needed to raise their financial support for this year. Give thanks for the training they provide through the Teacher’s Garden. Pray for Lydia, newly led to the Lord and growing in faith.
- Pray for Pastor Cory Van Sloten’s ministry as a US Army Chaplain.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Bethel Cristian Reformed Church, Pastor John Lee.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University Campus. Performing are The Wissmann Family and The Kenastons. Show times are 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, April 1 at TeSlaa Trucking in Hull, IA. Help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The schedule is: doors open at 4:30 PM; food booth opens at 5:00 PM; the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit hopehaven.org/events to see a preview catalog of items.

Unity Christian High School is seeking applications for a Special Education teacher for the 22-23 school year. We are interested in candidates who have training and certification in Special Education. Interested individuals can contact Mrs. Dana Broers, Director of Academic Support for more details at 712-737-4114 or at dbroers@unitychristian.net.