

March 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

This morning, Pastor Bob's message, "The Sheep and the Goat" is from Mark 14:32-52 and Isaiah 53:6. Sin's power separates us from God and scatters us from each other. In Gethsemane we see Jesus taking our sin to himself, much as the scapegoat of Leviticus 16. God sends away our sin and draws us back to himself.

Next Sunday, Pastor Bob's message, "Silent," will be from Mark 14:53-65 and Isaiah 53:7-9. Why didn't Jesus answer the questions of his enemies?

Today's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / ATLAS

Next Sunday's offerings: Classical Quotas / Amistad

Ministry Spotlight: Next week we will take offering for Classical Quotas. This includes: Amistad Christiana, Areopagus, Classical Expense Fund, Classical Home Missions, Classical Ministry Leadership Team, Cornerstone Prison Ministry, Dordt University, Geneva Campus, Lakeview/Valentine, New Roots, Prairie Light Project, Siouxland Diaconal Conference, Siouxland Unity CRC, Timothy Leadership, Youth Ministry

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.

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: March 7 – United Reformed Congregation, Pastor Jon Bushnell

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

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.

Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for future homes in **Hawarden & Hull**. Application forms are available at each communities' City Office & Public Library and online at <https://www.sioulandhabitat.org/own-a-home/application-process.html>. Application deadline is March 31. If you have questions, please contact Kevin McCormick, 712-255-6244 ext.6 or email apply@sioulandhabitat.org

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Meal - Join us at the Sioux Center Indoor Fair (Dordt Rec Center) on Wednesday, March 17 from 5-7pm and enjoy an authentic Mexican taco & nacho bar meal prepared by one of our Habitat families! This is a free-will donation meal and will support our mission to share God's love with families in need of safe, decent housing.

Love INC, Sioux County will hold its *Annual Meeting* on Monday, March 15, at 6:30 PM at Trinity CRC (Agape Room) in Rock Valley, IA. Partner churches, volunteers and donors are invited to hear about what God has done in 2020 through Love INC and how God is leading us in 2012. Refreshments will be served.

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: A New Family: With agonizing breath, Jesus speaks to a disciple and his mother standing at the foot of his cross. His words reveal a deep compassion for his mother, even while he endures the anguish of the cross. During Lent, discover what Jesus' great concern for his family shows us about his humanity and uncover the profound theological implications that arise from this earthly concern. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries: The Practice of Listening: Most of us are not naturally good listeners, and that can affect our relationship with God. Practice "listening prayer" this week. Find a quiet spot, calm your mind, and invite God to speak to your heart. Crcna.org/FaithFormation