

**April 21, 2024**

## **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**

**Today** – The next sermon in “The Prodigal Son” series will be, *The Father and the True Elder Son* from Luke 14:1-10. Our hope rests not only on coming to realize how lost we each may be, but finally on the Father’s longing to find us and bring us home.

**Evening** - Our final *Faith, Food, and Fellowship* gathering for this season will explore Jesus’ question to us from John 5:1-9, *Do You Want to Get Well?*

**Next Sunday** – We conclude our look at Jesus’ parable of lost sons and a searching father. *The Father’s Feast* from Isaiah 25:1-9 and Luke 15:22-24 shows how God satisfies our deepest hunger for joy and love. All alternatives are counterfeit!

**Today’s offerings: Building Fund/ ATLAS**

Next Sunday’s offering: Lebanon Budget / Justice for All

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Josh & Leah Gradert

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Myron & Nancy Gradert

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Myron, Clay

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lloyd Dekkers** continues to recover at home from his recent heart bypass surgery.

We would like to **thank** the congregation for prayers offered on our behalf, words of encouragement, meals prepared for us, and other acts of kindness. These are very much appreciated. Bonnie & Lloyd

The **Annual Christian Education Auction** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm** in the church basement. To have your items included on the master list, please email or text ([julie@mtcnet.net](mailto:julie@mtcnet.net) or 712-441-3103), by Monday night. Please include donations from businesses and/or homemade items such as baked goods or other items. Check the **sign-up list** located by the mailboxes. **Help is needed** to clerk during the sale, tally sales at the end, and meat or bars for the lunch. Thanks in advance for helping to make this a fun night of fellowship for a worthy cause.

**Work Group 1** is assigned for potluck/serving food for the Memorial Day Oak Grove Service on May 26.

Plan to join the National Day of Prayer service on **Sunday evening, May 5, at 6:00 PM**. Lebanon CRC will host Carmel Reformed Church and Peace Lutheran Church for a combined worship service. **Work Group 2** is in charge of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, April 21**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – *Faith, Food and Fellowship*

#### **Tuesday, April 23**

7:00 PM – Annual Christian Education Auction

## Sunday, April 28

9:45 Am – Morning Worship

### PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for Edie Dekkers as she continues to recover from knee surgery.
- Pray for the Lord to bless Lloyd Dekkers' recovery from his recent heart surgery.
- Remember Willie Dragstra and Greeta Kruid at Crown Pointe Estates.
- Continue to pray for Emmett Haverhals, with parents Mark and Molly, and their daughter Clara. Emmett continues to receive outpatient care at May Clinic. Pray for wisdom and patience for the family as they provide for Emmett. Pray that God blesses Emmett's health and progress.
- Planting season is underway. Thank God for the gift of abundant rain this past week. With trust and thanksgiving, ask God to bless our fields with favorable conditions.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas. Pray the Lord continues to provide for their support.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and for the Teacher's Garden. Take note of their latest prayer letter. Thank God for providing more adequate space for their work, for a project coordinator who has begun working with them, and for sustaining them through the challenges of lean resources.
- Remember Pastor Mark & JinHee in Nepal, and Pastor Tyler & Christina in South Africa, as we share in their support through Classis Iakota.
- Pray for Cornerstone Prison Church and Pastor Scott Van Voorst. Give thanks that worship services have resumed. Pray for Pastor Bob as he leads worship and serves communion there this coming Friday.
- Pray for healing for Monte Schoellerman.
- Pray for God's continued grace for Duane Bonnema's journey with cancer.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, Hawarden CRC.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Bridge of Hope Congregation, Pastors Sam & Gail Ashmore.

### SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

FFA Plant Early Bird Open Greenhouse at **Unity Christian High School** is on Friday April 26 from 3:45 p.m.-6:00 pm. and Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Mother's Day Sale is Friday, May 10 from 3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program.

The **Annual Western Christian Foundation Luncheon** is Wednesday, April 24 at noon in the Western Event Center. Brad Van Heuvelen, Chief Wealth Management Officer at Peoples Bank, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided by Beyer Catering and Amie Smit. The Western Christian Orchestra will provide special music. Please RSVP to Brad Vis - [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704 if you plan to attend.

**Groundwork: God's Judgment and Hope in Micah** - A contemporary of Isaiah, the prophet Micah is most well-known for the famous verse "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Join Groundwork as we study Micah 1-7 to discuss God's judgment and hope woven throughout Micah's prophecies. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 21 – Dana D
- April 21 – Arlo B
- April 22 – Arlo & LaVonne B
- April 27 – Kimberly D
- April 29 – Clay R