

April 28, 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 – 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!

Next Sunday – Morning Worship We will observe Ascension Day, which falls on Thursday, May 9. Pastor Bob's message, *No Trouble, No Fear*, will be from John 14:1-7. Jesus assures us that his going to heaven is far better than if he had remained with us on earth. This begins a series of sermons from John 14 through John 17.

Evening Worship - We will host Carmel Reformed Church and Peace Lutheran Church for a **Neighborhood Prayer Service**, observing the National Day of Prayer. 1 Samuel 22:1-4, 26-30 is the text for the message, *Our Help Is in This God*.

Today's offerings: Lebanon Budget / Justice for All

Next Sunday's offering: Denominational Ministry Shares / Benevolent Fund

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Myron & Nancy Gradert

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Myron, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Orlan & Evie Gulder

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Cole, Carly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to **thank the congregation** for prayers offered on our behalf. Wayne & Edie Dekkers

Thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Christian Education Auction. The sale raised over \$19,400 and cash donations from businesses were \$1,500, so we raised close to \$21,000. God is good and we are blessed! Thanks to all who contacted businesses, donated items or food, helped the night of the sale, and supported the sale with your financial gifts. Special thanks to Darryl who managed the books for over 20 years (and now Alissa will do). The saying "many hands make light work" is so true with making this a successful night of fun and fellowship for a worthy cause, thank you!!

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 28

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Sunday, May 5

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6:00 PM – National Day of Prayer service at Lebanon with Carmel Reformed and Peace Lutheran.

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 Greta 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 blesses the preparation Steve provides for mission workers.
- 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. Pray that ministry and worship may continue.
- Pray for healing for Monte Schoellerman. He anticipates another foot surgery in the coming weeks.
- 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 Mother's Day Plant Sale at **Unity Christian High School** 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 **Unity Christian music department** will be presenting their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 8 in the Knight Center. The instrumental portion of the evening will begin at 7:00 with the Orchestra followed by the Symphonic Band. Following a brief intermission, the vocal portion of the evening will begin around 8:00 with Chorale, Bel Canto, Mannenkoor, Knightsounds, and Concert Choir performing.

Spring Drive at Western Christian We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to the Western Christian Spring Drive. Information was given in the church mailboxes, the Spring Western Witness, and can be found on Western's new and improved "Giving Page" of our website: www.westernchristianhs.com Please contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if you have any questions. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Please plan to attend **Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon** with your friends on Monday, May 6 at Ireton Christian Reformed Church. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a Master Gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

Groundwork: Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 29 – Clay R
- May 1 – Val H
- May 2 – Joy S
- May 8 – Bonnie D