

April 17, 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

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” - 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

This Morning – Pastor Bob’s message, “The Teacher and His Cross: Jesus Buried,” from Luke 23:50-56 and John 12:24, explores God’s precious promise of resurrection in Jesus Christ. Our youth group will serve breakfast following the worship service.

Next Sunday Morning – The sermon, “Are We Witnesses of These Things?” will be from Acts 5:27-42. Peter could not ignore what the truth of Jesus crucified and risen. Can we?

Next Sunday Evening – “The Keys of the Kingdom” from 1 Corinthians 5 and 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 explores the teaching of Lord’s Day 31. How does the difficult work of discipline build up Christ’s church and its members? This will be our last regular evening worship service until we resume September 18.

Today’s offerings: Benevolence Fund / New Roots Ministry

Next Sunday’s offerings: Budget / Sioux City Gospel Mission

Serving One Another

Next week Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Dan & Dana Dunn

April Special Music – Barry & Jodi Haverhals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will gather for an evening worship service on Sunday, April 24, at 6:00 PM. This will be our last evening worship service until we resume in September.

There will be a **special offering on Sunday, April 24** for the funding of the new hymnbooks, Lift Up Your Hearts, published by Faith Alive of the Christian Reformed Church. We hope to purchase at least 30 of the books, and each one costs approximately thirty dollars. Funds raised above this goal will allow us to purchase more hymnals. Most of the songs we sing are selected from this hymnal.

From the deacons: **Please consider prayerfully your offerings for the budget.** For the last several months, the offerings have been below what we would like to see come in each month to meet our monthly expenses. Our next budget offering will be on April 24.

Lebanon CRC family, **thank you** for remembering our family in your thoughts and prayers and with expressions of condolences regarding the death of Arla's dad. We grieve as those who having a living hope in a living Savior and because he lives, we can face tomorrow.

Addison Liston and Ava Noyes met with our consistory last Wednesday and gave a good account of their faith in Jesus Christ. We plan to hear their **public profession of faith** on Sunday, May 1. We praise God for his work in their lives!

Lebanon Church will host the **National Day of Prayer** service on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 PM. Carmel Church and Peace Lutheran Church will join us.

The Graceful Givers would like to invite the church family to visit Christina VanderEsch at Oakhill to help celebrate her **90th birthday** on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM.

Thanks to everyone for making the **Christian Education Auction** a success! Your willingness to contact businesses and donate other items is greatly appreciated. The sale raised over \$27,500 and with the cash donations just over \$30,000 was raised. For those of you who were unable to attend and still wish to support Christian education, a check can be made out to Lebanon Benefit and put in the offering. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible through donations, financial support and assistance the night of the sale. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17

7:00 AM – Sunrise Worship

- Youth Group serves breakfast (freewill donation)

Sunday, April 24

9:45 AM – Worship Service

6:00 PM – Evening Service

Fellowship Coffee – hostesses – Kadee VB and Edie D.

Thursday, May 5

7:00 PM – Lebanon hosts National Day of Prayer

Hostesses: Bonnie D, Kay DB, Ashley D, Val H

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
- Today we rejoice with all Christians that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! He has set us free!
- Pray for Rev. Mark & JinHee Klompfen as they continue preparations for mission work in Nepal.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers and their outreach to their neighbors in College Station, Texas and beyond. Pray that the Lord continues to open doors and hearts for the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for Sos and Kara. They look forward to spending time in our area later this year for a much-anticipated furlough. Pray the Lord will provide the financial support they need to continue their valuable work in West Africa.
- Pray for God's blessing for the seed which soon will be planted in hope of a harvest next fall.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Center Pointe Church, Pastor Jamie Dykstra.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School Spring Concert/Culture Fair/Art Fair will be held on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 PM at the school.

We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominees are: First CRC Sioux Center: Tami Koelewyn, Jennifer Monroe, First CRC Orange City: Brian Kroeze, Karen Van Schouwen, Hospers CRC/Immanuel CRC Sheldon: Mark Wieringa and Sheila Zevenbergen. We will have updates from the Board on the Building Project and also a budget to pass for the 22-23 school year.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to the Spring Building Fund Debt Reduction Drive. Information can be found in the Spring Western Witness, and the Western Christian website. Questions, please contact Brad Vis.

Maletoungou Prayer items: As a family we will be on a ministry trip in Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR) from April 15 to 30. This is Sosthene's home country from where God called him almost 20 years ago into international mission. Through this visit and in the upcoming years, we anticipate taking part in the transformational change through leadership development training for church leaders and Christian school teachers and administrators as the country walks the difficult path of post-conflict reconstruction. **Our prayer items include:** 1- Pray for good health, strength and protection to and from CAR; 2- Pray for God's favor and anointing as we engage with open doors and connect with the local church and Christian school leaders; 3- Pray for Pastor Marc coming from Burkina Faso to introduce the TLT (Timothy Leadership Training) program for pastors in CAR; 4- Leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit in follow-up visits with some key leaders about the place of the church and Christian schooling in the country's reconstruction narrative. Many blessings, Sosthene & Kara