

April 25, 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

Christ is risen indeed!

Welcome to Lebanon Church! Today we continue to celebrate the season of Easter.

This morning's sermon, "Witnesses of These Things," is from Luke 24:36-49. The risen Jesus, who showed himself to his disciples, calls us to show the world that Jesus is Christ and Savior. How do we do that?

Next Sunday morning, Pastor Bob's message will be, "The Shepherd Loves the Sheep," from John 10:11-18.

Today's offerings: Budget / GEMS

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Siouxland Unity CRC

Ministry Spotlight: Siouxland Unity CRC – Keo Phommarath continues to pastor the church, reaching out to the large Buddhist Lao community in Sioux City, as well as providing energetic leadership in worship and life for the small congregation of Lao Christians at Siouxland Unity.

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema
Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Derek & Alexa Bonnema

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education Sunday School / Catechism classes meet after morning service. Next Sunday Youth Group will meet after morning service.

Thanks to everyone for making the Christian Education Auction a success! Over \$28,000 was raised at the sale, and with the cash donations a grand total of \$31,000 was reached. Thanks to all who helped to make this happen and for your ongoing support. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Tape will be removed from the benches in the sanctuary; however, social distancing is still encouraged.

If you are not receiving the phone call alerts about church, please let Rick De Boom know. (recent alerts were about church clean up.)

The Council is looking for a couple volunteers to help with promoting the Memorial Day weekend service at Oak Grove. Please talk to a member of council for more information.

To get to know the families of Lebanon Church better, Pastor Bob would like to visit with each family in the congregation. Please contact Pastor Bob to set up a date/time for your visit. Pastor Bob's email - robert.drenten@gmail.com. Pastor Bob's phone - (712) 395-0552.

Pastor Bob plans to have the following office hours in Lebanon this week:

Tuesday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

He will likely be away at times through those hours. Feel free to stop by the parsonage. You may call (712) 395-0552 to make sure he's available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 2 – 6:00pm. Worship service at Lebanon Church with guests from Siouxland Unity Church, Sioux City, and Pastor Keo Phommarath. With Classis Iakota, we have helped support this unique, vital ministry in downtown Sioux City. Our friends from Siouxland Unity Church will lead portions of our worship, giving us a taste of their Laotian-American culture. Please join us. Fellowship Coffee will be served. Alissa R. & Jodi H. will be hostesses.

Thursday, May 6 7:00 PM - National Day of Prayer Service is at Carmel Reformed Church with Peace Lutheran Church and Lebanon Christian Reformed Church.

Council meeting May 10. Consistory meets 6:30pm, and the council at 7:30pm.

Sunday, May 30, 10:00 AM – Combined Worship Service at Oak Grove, with Hawarden and Ireton CRC. Pastor Bob will deliver the message “Memory and Freedom,” based on Judges 2:6-23.

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 the Lord’s continued care as during the busy planning season
- For Siouxland Unity Church and Pastor Keo Phommarath. We help support this ministry in Sioux City with Classis Iakota
- Give thanks for the blessing of fellowship and generous support at last week’s auction for Christian Education
- For Steve & Tara Dekkers and their continued outreach to their Muslim neighbors in Texas
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou. Please see this week’s prayer letter
- For Pastor Cory & Arla Van Sloten, as he continues to serve in Kosovo
- Pray for the gift of the Lord’s peace to ease the unrest in too many places in our nation. Pray that the Church may be a blessing toward that end
- Praying for our Local Congregations: Christ the King Catholic Congregation and Father Douglas Klein

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Friends and Partners at Lebanon CRC, Thank you for your recent contribution towards our ministry of Christian education in West Africa! Despite the global challenges of the past year, we are thankful that God has enabled us to continue to serve Christian schools and teachers. Please continue to pray with us and the Teacher's Garden team as we continue to work on a Bible teaching curriculum that will further equip teachers to teach their students about the love of God, their Creator. We are also preparing a Biblically-rooted training for preschool teachers that we will facilitate during the summer break. In Christ, Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou

Tuesday, April 27: We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominees are: Calvary CRC Orange City: Aaron Huizenga and Cheryl Tracy. Ireton/Hawarden/Lebanon: Amy Noyes and Dave Noteboom. At Large Category: Barb Stuit (Living Water Sheldon) and Brenda Walhof (New Hope E-Free). We will have updates from the Board on the Building Project and also a budget to pass for the 21-22 school year.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Making Sense of Setbacks – Struggle, discouragement, and setbacks are unpleasant, yet all too common experiences in life. Have you ever felt like no matter how hard you try; you just can’t get ahead? Maybe you’ve been given a second chance and you’re trying to do your best against all odds, but you’re confused about the way forward. While we may not always understand why things happen, the stories of Ezra and Nehemiah and the setbacks they faced while rebuilding Jerusalem encourage us to persevere. Their stories offer us a biblical strategy for enduring our own trials and setbacks today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com