

April 3, 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

“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” – Psalm 145:17-18 (NIV)

Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church. We gather today in hope inspired by the Lord’s faithful promises.

This is the fifth Sunday of Lent, a season where we focus on the dying and rising of Christ.

This Morning – We gather for worship at **9:30 AM**. Our worship service includes an extended time of prayer seeking God’s blessing on our labor. As we look forward to a season of planting and growth, we see our deep dependence on our Father to grant needed rain and growing conditions. As we face fresh economic challenges of inflation, employment, and supply, we learn once again that all things are in our Father’s hands. We look to God our Father with trust and will seek our Father’s care in prayer.

Pastor Bob’s sermon, “The Teacher and His Cross: Jesus Is King,” is from John 18:33-19:3. There is no authority that overcomes our Savior!

This Evening we gather for worship at 6:00 PM. “Signs and Seals of Salvation” explores the meaning of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper according to Lord’s Day 25 of the Heidelberg Catechism and Exodus 12:1-18.

Today’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / World Renew – Ukraine Relief

Next Sunday’s offerings: Dekkers Mission / Hawarden Food Pantry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Ken & Julie Dragstra

April Special Music – Barry & Jodi Haverhals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to plan for the annual **Christian Education Auction** on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 PM. A list of businesses to contact is not being given this year, but feel free to contact those that you did in the past that supported the sale or places you do business with. Other donations such as baked goods or gift cards are also welcome. It takes donations from all to make the sale a success. Please let Julie know by the Sunday prior to the sale what items will be donated to include on the master list for the night of the sale (email julie@mtcnet.net or cell/text 712-441-3103). Thanks in advance for supporting Christian education!

We rejoice with Josh and Leah Gradert at the birth of their son, Walker Lee, Thursday, March 24!

We will gather for **Easter Sunday worship, April 17 at 6:30 AM, for a Sunrise Service**. We will begin gathered in the cemetery until sunrise and then continue worship in the sanctuary. Our youth group will serve a breakfast after the worship service.

The council has decided to purchase at least 30 copies of the hymnal, Lift Up Your Hearts, published by Faith Alive of the Christian Reformed Church. The cost of 30 hymnals is around \$750. The deacons will be arranging an offering in the future to raise these funds. Funds raised above this goal will allow us to purchase more hymnals. Most of the songs we sing are selected from this hymnal.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3

- 9:45 AM – Morning Worship & Prayer Service
- Sunday School & High School Catechism
 - Easter Choir practice
- 6:00 PM – Evening Worship

Wednesday, April 6

- 7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study – 1 Corinthians: Wisdom for Living
- 7:00 PM – Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, April 10

- 9:30 AM – Morning Worship
- Sunday School & High School Catechism
 - Easter Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM – Grow Groups

Monday, April 11

- 7:00 PM – Annual Christian Education Auction

Maundy Thursday, April 14

- 7:00 PM – Worship Service. We will celebrate Holy Communion

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
- Pray for Myriel Cave as she deals with severe back pain.
- Pray for preparations to observe Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.
- Continue to pray for an end to war in Ukraine. Pray for the efforts of World Renew to join in bringing relief to war victims in the name of Christ.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers and their outreach to their neighbors in College Station, Texas. Ask the Lord to touch lives through their work, made possible in part through our financial support.
- Pray for Sos and Kara and their leadership in Guinea, West Africa. Pray that the Lord will provide the donors needed to raise their financial support for this year. Give thanks for the training they provide through the Teacher's Garden. Pray for Lydia, newly led to the Lord and growing in faith.
- Pray for Pastor Cory Van Sloten's ministry as a US Army Chaplain.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Bridge of Hope CRC.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School's Annual Bluegrass Gospel Concert will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the BJ Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University Campus. The two groups performing are The Wissmann Family and The Kenastons. Show times are 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door or can be purchased from the Ireton Christian School. Children ages 15 and under are free.

Unity Christian 8th Grade Day! All 8th grade students and potential upperclassmen are invited to Unity on Tuesday, April 12 from 11:15 am - 2:30 pm. Welcome and chapel will begin at 11:15 am. Come learn about the student life and opportunities available at Unity. Join us again in the evening for supper and tours starting at 6:00 pm. If you can't make it on April 12 and would like to schedule a visit, give us a call at 712-737-4114.

Plan now to attend the Spring Salad Luncheon of NW IA Bible League, held at Sanborn CRC, Sanborn, IA on May 2 at 12:00. Program: Pastor Phil Westra is going to talk to us about bees and gardening and how we can use our everyday work to spread the Gospel