

May 5, 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 – 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*.

**Next Sunday – Morning Worship** *Show Us the Father* from John 14:1-14. Pastor Bob will continue his series from John 14-17. Mother's Day reminds us of the importance of the close relationship of care between parent and child. How much more with God! We will also prepare for holy communion.

**Today's offerings: Denominational Ministry Shares / Benevolent Fund**

Next Sunday's offering: Steve & Tara Mission Support / World Renew

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Orlan & Evie Gulker

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Cole, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Barry & Jodi Haverhals

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Dan, Addy

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, May 5**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

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

#### **Sunday, May 12**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

#### **Monday, May 12**

6:30 PM – Consistory

7:30 PM - Council

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Rev. Scott De Vries passed away a week ago Saturday. He served as the Director for Synodical Services for the CRCNA. Pray for his grieving family, and also for the staff who miss him deeply.
- 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. Pray, too, for Molly's health.
- 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. May God bless our work with safety.
- 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 neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, Hawarden CRC.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Carmel Reformed Congregation.

## 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.

**Sioux Center Christian School** invites you to our Spring Choral Concert on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm in Centerpoint Church. This concert will feature our 5th, 6th, and 7th/8th choirs. The concert will conclude with a mass choral piece sung by the 5th-8th graders. A freewill offering will be received for our music department.

Plan to attend **Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon** on Monday, May 6 at Ireton CRC. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker, Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City 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: Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah** - In good times and bad, life is full of struggles and challenges. Even when God answers our prayers, the way forward isn't always straight. Join Groundwork as we study Haggai 1-2 and Zechariah 1-14 to glean biblical wisdom for navigating and enduring our own spiritual and physical challenges today and find courage to continue trusting God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- May 8 – Bonnie D
- May 9 – Joe & Alissa R
- May 11 – Jerry S
- May 18 – Kylie K