

May 2, 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

Welcome to Lebanon Church! May the Lord draw us closer to himself and to one another on this festive day of worship and rest.

This morning's sermon, "The Shepherd Loves the Sheep," is from John 10:11-18. What a comfort that Jesus knows us. Do we know Jesus as our Good Shepherd?

This evening we welcome special guests. Pastor Keo Phommarath and members of Siouxland Unity Church will introduce us to their ministry to the Lao American community and others in Sioux City. **Join us at 6:00 PM!** Pastor Bob's message, "We Stand Together," will be from Ephesians 6:10-20. **Fellowship Coffee will be served.**
Hostesses are Alissa R. & Jodi H.

Next Sunday morning, Pastor Bob's message, "Who *Is* This Woman?" will be from Proverbs 31:10-31.

Today's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Siouxland Unity CRC

Next Sunday's offerings: Classical Quotas / The Banquet

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: Derek & Alexa Bonnema
Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Rick & Kay De Boom

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

At their April 12, 2021, meeting, the council approved the request of Jason and Amanda Van Driessen to transfer their professing memberships to Ireton Christian Reformed Church. The baptized memberships of their children Ember, Jaxon, and Eden were also transferred. May Christ bless Jason and Amanda; Ember, Jaxon, Eden, and Zion, in their new church home.

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:

Monday – Thursday 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

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. Offering will be for Family Crisis Center.

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
- We give thanks for a time to get to know our brothers and sisters from Siouxland Unity Church! Pray for Pastor Keo and their church’s mission in Sioux City
- For area college students and faculty as the end of another term of education draws to a close
- For Steve & Tara Dekkers and their continued outreach to their Muslim neighbors in Texas
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou, and for the Lord to keep our partnership with them strong
- For Pastor Cory & Arla Van Sloten, as he continues to serve in Kosovo
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Church of Christ Congregation and Pastor Dustin Bolks

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 7 – Saturday, May 8: FFA Plant Early Bird Open Greenhouse at Unity Christian High School - Mother’s Day Sale is Friday, May 7 from 3:45pm-6:00pm and Saturday, May 8 9:00am-1:00pm. Come and walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants to use in your garden and enjoy seeing the work of our students! Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. Thank you for your support!

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Building Blocks for Biblical Success – When we are rebuilding after our life has fallen apart, even the smallest opposition can feel like an insurmountable force. Sometimes people mean well but derail our progress. Other times people purposely thwart our efforts, simply because they don’t want to see us succeed. Whether our opposition comes from external pressure or even our own internal fears, doubts, and shame, we can learn a lot about the essential building blocks for biblical success from Ezra and Nehemiah. Their response to the external and internal opposition that threatened their progress while rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple, model for us how prayer, work, compassion, and grace can align us with God’s will and help us maintain forward momentum as we rebuild against all odds. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

From Faith Formation Ministries: the Practice of Celebrating: the Practice of Prayer: Pastor Rich Villodas observed, “Prayer is not about throwing holy words at God to see what sticks; it is, rather, entrance to a new way of seeing reality, the opening of ourselves to God’s presence, and an act that trains us in love.”

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Kid’s Corner: Joy in God - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Joy In God... Where can I find real joy? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.