

May 9, 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 God's grace, love, and fellowship be with us today!

In keeping with Mother's Day, Pastor Bob's sermon this morning is, "Who Is This Woman?" from Proverbs 31:10-31.

Next Sunday morning we will remember the ascension of the risen Jesus Christ to heaven. Pastor Bob's message, "A Gift, a Task, and a Promise" will be from Acts 1:1-14.

#### Today's offerings: Classical Quotas / The Banquet

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / ReFrame (formerly Back To God)

**Ministry Spotlight:** ReFrame's vision is that the lives and worldviews of all people around the globe will be transformed by God's gospel message.

#### Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Rick & Kay De Boom

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Aaron & Kimberly Dekkers

May Special Music: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Education** Catechism classes meet after the morning service. Sunday School for grade school is finished for the year. Thanks to Katie Bonnema, Dana Dunn and Jerry Steenhoek for teaching.

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

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](mailto: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- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday- 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday- 9:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Thursday 9:30 AM – 2:00 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 23** is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate anew the gift of the Holy Spirit to us.

**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
- Pam Dekkers suffered a broken left shoulder and hairline fracture above her left knee due to a fall at Sioux Center Christian last Tuesday. She had surgery on Thursday at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City to repair her shoulder. Pray for Pam and Harry, that the Lord may walk with them through this challenge.
- Adrian Kruid was treated for a kidney infection last weekend at Sioux Center Health. He is home and continues to slowly recover. Remember Adrian and Greeta in your prayers.
- For God's gift of rain, and give thanks for the measure of moisture we've received
- For Steve & Tara Dekkers and their outreach to the Muslim community in Texas
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou. Take note of their prayer letter in this bulletin.
- For Pastor Cory & Arla Van Sloten, as he continues to serve in Kosovo
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Covenant CRC and Pastor Joel Kok

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings from West Africa -We trust this finds you in good spirits. We wanted to share with you a brief update about our ministry fundraising endeavors as we near the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Amidst the ongoing COVID related disruptions, we are thankful that the Kingdom ministry through Christian education keeps going strong in West Africa. Through your committed prayer and generous support, the Lord continues to provide toward the ministry needs. *Thank you!!* We are grateful for your partnership. For more specific details of where we are at with our fundraising goals, an update is below:

- At present, we are at **87% of our regular ministry fundraising goal** (fund code 802321), **with \$14,687 needed** to reach the goal before the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

If you would like to give to this need, please go to <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/support/donate-now> and choose "missionaries-Africa," then "Maletoungou, Sosthene and Kara."

- The **Teacher's Garden** (Christian Education Resource Center - Fund Code 806219) **needs \$18,000** before the end of the fiscal year.

If you would like to give to the Teacher's Garden, please go to <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/support/donate-now> and choose "projects - Africa," then "West Africa Christian Education Resource Center."

Alternatively, to give to either of these needs, you can call or mail a check to "Resonate" at 1700 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508 1-877-272-6205.

Please be sure to designate your check in the memo line.

New Roots Ministry volunteer opportunity helping with STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MEETING GOALS. Many new Americans work good labor jobs, but they dream of, and sense God calling them to, something else. As a volunteer, you would help them set goals, research the journey, and be an encouraging friend. To inquire about this, please email Fred at [sfnewroots@gmail.com](mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com) or text him at 605-376-6330.

New Roots Ministry volunteer opportunity offering DRIVER TRAINING FOR NEW AMERICAN ADULTS. We provide guidelines to make this safe and flexible, and fulfilling. To inquire about this, please email Fred at [sfnewroots@gmail.com](mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com) or text him at 605-376-6330.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: Lean Into God's Grace - The social distancing, working from home, and masking we've practiced during the COVID-19 pandemic have helped us fight against the virus, but have also led to an increase in cases of loneliness, depression, and anxiety in our society. So as we think about crossing over into this season of post-COVID rebuilding, it's vital to reacquaint ourselves with God's word. Discover how Ezra led the Israelites in reading God's word during their rebuilding of Jerusalem and be reminded that when life's challenges feel insurmountable, when the guilt of the past overwhelms, when loneliness and a temptation to give up creep in, we don't need to rely on our own ability to cling to God. Because of his great love for us, God—in his grace—has already given us the antidote we need to carry us through. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)