

July 26, 2026

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

“We are ... Christ’s ambassadors...” 2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

This Sunday Morning – *Praying for Reconciliation* based on 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 will continue the series on prayer and mission. We will celebrate holy communion.

Evening - We will welcome Hawarden CRC and Ireton CRC for a combined worship service. Ukraine missionary Miranda Heytsi and her sister, Martha Hulshof, will update us on the ministry in Ukraine and their work with Ukrainian immigrants in our area. Pastor Bob Drenten's message, "The Gift of Rest," is from Deuteronomy 5:12-15.

Next Sunday Morning – *Praying for the Margins* from Luke 4:14-21. Jesus paid attention to the least noticed people. He calls the Church to share his mercy and grace with those others tend to ignore.

Today’s Offerings: Lebanon Budget / Hawarden Food Pantry

Next Sunday’s Offerings: Classical Ministry Shares / The Banquet

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Ashley D & Cinda VG

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Wayne & Edie Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Cole, Myron

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Shower for Caden Yesda and Emilee Schrock after morning worship on Sunday, July 26. The couple is registered at Amazon.com. They are planning a September wedding.

Church Secretary - After ten years of good and faithful service, Sara Yesda plans to set aside her work as our church secretary. The council has begun a search for our next secretary. Contact Elder Rick De Boom for a job description and for more information.

Lebanon CRC received a gift of a *matching donation*. Every dollar given towards our new **Area Beautification Fund** will be matched, up to a total of **\$5,000**. This fund is to enhance and improve the exterior of the church, helping create a more welcoming and well-maintained environment for our congregation and community. **Possible projects include** planting trees and landscaping improvements, concrete work, enhancing and upgrading church entrances, other exterior upgrades to improve appearance and accessibility. We value the input of the congregation and invite you to share any ideas for how these funds can be used.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

9:45 AM – Morning Worship - communion

6:00 PM - Combined Worship hosting Hawarden CRC & Ireton CRC

Sunday, August 2

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Monday, August 3

Serving Dinner at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. As usual, we will need volunteers for afternoon meal preparation and for evening meal service. Plan now to join us!

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Prayer for Our Members

- Jerry & Joy Steenhoek, Tyler, Ethan - Household of the Week
- Harold & Pam Dekkers – Continued prayers as Harold anticipates radiation therapy later this summer.

Praying for Our Community and World

- Remember our friends at the Hudson Care Center.
- Pray for Dirk Addink, nephew of Wayne and Edie Dekkers, for his healing from his brain injury.
- Pray for Riley Vander Esch and her family as Riley's brain tumors are becoming more troublesome.
- Pray for Clara, daughter of Mark & Molly Haverhals. Also, Mark and Molly expect a baby to be born in October
- Pray for the measures of rain and sun only the Father in heaven can provide for us.

Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Pray for Sos & Kara and their family. They and the Teachers' Garden have relocated to Cameroon – Praise God!
- Pray that the Lord leads Steve & Tara in their work with Launch Global in Texas.
- Pray for Pastor Mark & JinHee, for their summer of reconnecting with family and mission partners.
- Remember Pastor Tyler & Christine and their work in South Africa. We support them through Classis Iakota.
- Covenant CRC in Sioux Center extended a call to Rev. Joel Schreurs. Pray for the Lord's clear call to be heard and followed in this process.
- Pray for churches searching for pastoral leadership: Calvin CRC in Rock Valley, Inwood CRC, Platte CRC, Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls, Carmel Reformed Church. Pray that the Lord would raise up a new generation of pastoral leadership.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Centerpointe Church, Pastors Jaime Dykstra and Chris Godfredson.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar for Bible League's "Christmas in July" fundraiser to be held at Hope Christian Reformed Church in Hull, IA. There will be a Silent Auction of homemade food, craft items and much more! This event on Monday, July 27 begins at 1:30pm with an informal program and concludes with a dessert buffet . . . yum! Please consider donating to the Silent Auction whether or not you can attend and help to place Bibles in the hands of people around the world!

The Dordt University Football program is seeking hosts for incoming football players. Have you hosted before and would like to take on another student or two? Have you considered hosting but just not sure? Either way, this is a great opportunity to be a blessing to a student athlete. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. A welcome lunch will be provided where you get to meet your players. If interested, please respond by emailing assistant football coach, Nathan Kabongo at Nathan.Kabongo@dordt.edu by August 7th.

A Bible League dinner will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6pm at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, for an evening of joy. Cost: \$25.

Adults and teens are invited to the **Bible League conference, Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil**, at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30am. Keynote speaker, Gayle Haas, will lead sessions as Corrie ten Boom. The realities of WWII will come to life, and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Worship will be led by Jennifer Frens and Bible League leaders will share powerful updates about their ministry. Register by Sept. 6 at <https://www.bibleleague.org/tickets/> . Conference & lunch, \$40; conference without lunch, \$30.

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- August 6 – Verlyn & Karel D
- August 6 – Lisa D
- August 9 – Angie L
- August 13 – Ken V
- August 13 – Christy Z
- August 18 – Dylan L