

August 13, 2023

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! The Lord is near - closer than we realize. May Christ bless you today with joy!

Today – *Rejoice in the Lord Always* from Philippians 4:2-9. This most-loved passage from Philippians offers Christ's promise of peace, protection, and joy through the Lord's presence and the prayers of the Lord's people.

Next Sunday – *Through Him Who Gives Me Strength* from Philippians 4:10-20. Is it true - that God will not give us more than we can bear?

Today's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Ireton Christian School

Next Sunday's offering: Building Fund / Sioux Center Christian School

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Ava, Allyson

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Dan, Eli

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy given to our family in memory of Marvin Cannegieter. The memorial service is on August 24th at Miramar National Cemetery. Lloyd and Bonnie Dekkers and the Cannegieter family.

The **council proposes** that the number of elders and deacons serving be reduced from 4 to 3 each over the next two years. The council will bring this before the congregation at a special, brief congregational meeting on September 10 after the morning worship service, asking for approval of this change in our by-laws.

Our first evening worship service this Fall, September 10, will be held outdoors at Lebanon Church, weather permitting. More details will come soon. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to this casual, fun gathering of worship and fellowship.

Evening worship services will resume twice a month beginning in September. The dates for our 6:00 PM worship services are – **September 10 & 17, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19.**

Our **high school catechism** class will meet Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 10.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13

9:45 AM - Morning Worship

Sunday, August 20

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Sunday, August 27

Advanced Notice – **5:00 PM Evening Worship at Ireton CRC** with Hawarden CRC.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Continue to pray for Emmett, Robert and Val Haverhals' grandson. Emmet continues to receive much care at Mayo Clinic in advance of a bone marrow transplant expected in a couple months.
- Pray for Willie Dragstra, receiving care at Crown Point in Sioux Center.
- Pray for Rev. Gideon Wamala from Calvin CRC in Rock Valley. Pastor Gideon has been receiving care for colon cancer. He has faced a number of complications in his treatment, including a disappointing surgery at Mayo Clinic last week where surgeons found they had to wait for additional healing to resect his large intestine. Pray the Lord would care for Pastor Gideon, his family, and Calvin CRC as they walk this uncertain journey. Pray for healing.
- Pray for Monty & Shelly Schoellerman. Monty remains at Crown Point as he continues to heal slowly from his recent foot surgery.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas. Pray that God blesses our gifts for their support.
- Pray for Sos and Kara's return to West Africa. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide them as they expand the scope of the Teacher's Garden.
- Remember to pray for rain, and to trust our Father's promise to care for us in all times.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, First CRC Sioux Falls, Hawarden CRC and Carmel Reformed Church.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Faith Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastors Bob Pollema and Cliff Hoekstra

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to the **Ladies Auxiliary Kick-off at Ireton Christian School on August 28 starting at 6:00 pm**. All moms, alumni, associate members and friends of ICS are invited to attend. We will be making your own candle with Ironwood Candle Co. and then having a meal together. We would love for you to join us. Watch our Facebook page for more information or email icsauxiliary@gmail.com.

All Supporters and parents of Unity are invited on Monday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. for a Prayer Walk. We will begin in the Knight's Center, then divide into groups. Each group will follow a map, walking through all areas of the school while praying and seeking God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19. Please come be a part of this work. Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with make your own ice cream Sundaes!

School begins soon, and so does the **Friendship Bible Class at First CRC**. About 30 pairs of believers – young and old(er) – with a wide variety of gifts and abilities share an hour of praise, prayer, Bible lessons, and fellowship on Thursday evenings. Meetings are designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with special learning challenges, in the company of mentoring friends from the church community. If you know someone who would enjoy this opportunity, please give a call/email to the secretary at First CRC (712-722-0717; office@firstcrc.com).

On Monday, August 21, we invite you to join us for lunch at noon in Western's Event Center. Come to learn more about **The Wolfpack Edge**, an intentional effort to promote Faith, Purpose, Passion, and Service in all our activities and athletics at Western. We encourage you to bring a friend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com if you plan to attend.

The Board of Trustees invites the **Society of Western** to participate in our annual Fall meeting. We welcome your in-person attendance on Monday, August 21 at 6pm. At the meeting we will update the society on current events and vote on four trustees who have been nominated for a first term (Ryan Beukelman, Bryan Van Kley, Lora Petitt, and Brenda Postma), and one board trustee who is up for a second term (Keith Kelderman).

Love & Learn classes will begin on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. This fall we are offering Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share and Redemptive Compassion. Please contact Love INC at 712-476-5990 for more information and to register.