

August 20, 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! May Christ renew our strength for service today.

Today – *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?

Next Sunday – *Benediction* from Philippians 4:21-23. God's Word teaches us how to hold the Lord and one another in our hearts from a distance.

Today's offerings: Building Fund / Sioux Center Christian School

Next Sunday's offering: Lebanon Budget / Justice For All

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Dan, Eli

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Mylasah & Myriel Cave

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Myron, Carly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

There have been many changes behind the scenes on the **church website** www.LebanonCRC.org . Be sure to check the website for many resources, bulletins, etc.

Youth Group Mission Trip – September 23-24. We will be donating winter clothing to people in homeless shelters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. If you have donations of gently used ADULT long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, pants or shoes, please bring these laundered items to church and place in the box under the mailboxes. Thanks!

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Sunday, August 27

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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 submitted to another surgery in Avera hospital in Sioux Falls.
- 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.
- Pray for our neighbors in Sioux Center who continue to rebuild and clean up from the recent flooding.
- Fires burned in Hawaii and continue to blaze throughout Canada. War has no end in sight in Ukraine. Violence has unraveled life in Haiti. People around the world suffer. Pray for those in such great need, for the coming of the Prince of Peace.
- 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 – Free Grace Reformed Congregation, Pastor Mark Schwarz

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ireton Christian School launches their new school year on August 23 at 8:15 am.

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.

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.

Join the First CRC Youth Group for their annual Labor Day pancake breakfast on Monday, September 4, to be held at First CRC in Sioux Center, with serving from 7:30 to 9:30am. Free will donations are for the youth group's mission trip.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: **Understanding Christian Freedom**. - What happens when our personal freedom is in direct conflict with someone else's personal freedom? Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Corinthians 9-10 to discover why Paul does not equate personal freedom with Christian freedom and why remembering the second Greatest Commandment helps us embrace our Christian freedom more fully. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.