

**August 23, 2020**

## **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

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra to lead us in worship.**

**Today's offerings: Benevolent Fund / Hope Haven**

Next Sunday's offerings: Benevolent Fund / Hope Haven

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Jason Wiersma as he leads us in worship.

### CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**For prayer concerns or to request a visit** from council for health, spiritual or any other reason, please contact an elder or deacon.

**Thank you** to all that volunteered at The Banquet. The group served over 520 meals to those in need. A special thanks to the Gradert family for their donation of sweet corn.

**Small Group Bible Study** will be resuming soon. If anyone would like to join, please contact an elder.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, September 6:** Ethan Steenhoek will publicly profess his faith.

### 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
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For students and teachers as they begin a new school year
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- **Praying for our Local Congregations:** August 23 – First Reformed Congregation, Pastors Travis Else and Jamie Dykstra

## **Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship**

Practice social distancing. (6 feet) No handshakes, hugs, or any other physical contact.

The nursery is closed and off limits. Avoid the restrooms if possible.

Visit outside with social distancing.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Saturday, August 29: Unity Christian's Golf Outing** will be held at Landsmeer in Orange City with an 18 hole shotgun start at 9am. A pulled pork lunch will be served following play. Register online at <https://forms.gle/V7GWVwMUy76tj6w5>; \$400/team or \$100/person (includes lunch); Students (K-12) \$200/team or \$50/person. For more information, contact Melissa Dykstra: 712-449-5463; [ldykstra@mtcnet.net](mailto:ldykstra@mtcnet.net).

**Western Christian's Fall Society Meeting update:** The School Board's original plan was to host a meeting on campus on Tuesday, August 18. However, due to health risks, we are working to create alternate ways to both receive society input and offer our constituents a State of School Report. We believe we can achieve this goal by postponing the Society Meeting to Monday, September 21 at 7pm.

**Love INC's Fall session of Love & Learn classes** are starting Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. We will be offering the following classes: Faith & Finance, GriefShare-support group, Parenting, Affirming Potential, Redemptive Compassion. Love INC is looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in various capacities - greeting, making a snack for class nights, childcare and Faith & Finance mentors. If you would like to volunteer or register for these classes, please contact Love INC at 476-5990. For more information on classes please visit our website at <http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/>.

The public is cordially invited to a **faculty organ recital** by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ, on Saturday, September 5 at 7:30pm in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. Carrie will present a variety of organ repertoire ranging from the Baroque period to composers of our time. The program includes two works by Böhm, a partita on the beloved Genevan Psalm 42, contrasting pieces by French composers Vierne and Alain, the lively and seldom-performed Saga no. 7 by Jean Guillou; and will conclude with a Mendelssohn Sonata.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: Lament: A Faithful Response to Tragedy. As individuals, communities, and a society we've experienced significant loss this year—some of us have lost loved ones, others have lost a sense of security, and many of us grieve relationships and our loss of normalcy. Questions like “why?” and “how long?” groan within us as we weigh facts and opinions and try to make the best decisions possible for our families and communities. As we experience lives altered by the COVID-19 pandemic and we come face to face with the disparity and inequality it has brought to light in our society, what should our response as Christians be? Together, let's turn to scripture and allow scripture to guide us in lament, a response that engages our faith and acknowledges our reality. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **From Faith Formation Ministries**

Family Faith Formation Tip: Philippians 4:8 is a wonderful verse to memorize on your own or as a family. “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

[crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)