

**August 27, 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 AM - 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.

**PM** – combined worship at Ireton CRC at 5:00 PM with Hawarden.

**Next Sunday** – Pastor Bob begins a series of sermons exploring the power of sin and the greater power of God's grace in Jesus Christ. The series is based on the account of King David's sin, sorrow, and redemption from 2 Samuel 11-12 and Psalm 51. ***Just High Enough*** will be from 2 Samuel 11:1-13, David's fall into sin with Bathsheba.

**Today's offerings: Lebanon Budget / Justice for All**

Next Sunday's offering: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Sioux Center Food Pantry

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Mylasah & Myriel Cave

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Myron, Carly

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Rick & Kay De Boom

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Cole, Addy

### **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. Look for a formal agenda in your church mailbox.

**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.

**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 27**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

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

#### **Sunday, September 3**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

## 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 hoped for in the coming weeks.
- Pray for Willie Dragstra, receiving care at Crown Point in Sioux Center.
- Rev. Gideon Wamala continues to need our prayer support. Pastor Gideon is making slow progress in healing from colon cancer surgery. Pray for him and Calvin CRC in Rock Valley.
- 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 the Lord blesses his recent meeting with Christian education leaders from all over Africa.
- 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 – Jesucristo El Buen Congregation, Pastor Rodrigo Gonzalez

## 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](mailto:icsauxiliary@gmail.com).

The Sioux Center area Friendship Bible group begins its season at the end of this month. A young man in his early twenties—talkative, fun and funny, excited about his job (and Friendship)—needs a new mentor. If you are **an adult male** who feels led to spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, please contact the First CRC secretary ([office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com)), and she will connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

We are hiring at Bargain Alley! If you are interested in being part of a great team who is passionate about 2nd hand retail, please apply to become part of our growing business. We're eager to hear from you! To apply, please contact store manager, Kari Hoekstra at [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) or stop in the store to pick up an application.

Join us at **Bethel CRC in Sioux Center** on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00am for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women with best-selling author, Carol Kent, whose life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at [Bibleleague.org/tickets](http://Bibleleague.org/tickets)

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.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-26; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 03-09; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 02-08; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 16-22. Please email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org) and he will get you a flyer. To sign up or for more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org)). Or you may join us on October 23rd at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA, for an information meeting at 6:30pm (refreshments will be provided).