

August 30, 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 Pastor Jason Wiersma to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Lebanon Budget / Atlas Sioux Center

Next Sunday's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Amistad

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Jerry Buwalda 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.

Search Committee Update – The Search Committee met this past Monday evening. They have contacted 3 pastors and are waiting for confirmation to set up visits.

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.

Wednesday, September 23: Council meeting. 6:30 pm elders meet, 7:30 pm full council meets.

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 30 – Free Grace Reformed Congregation, Pastor Mark Schwarz

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

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.

Ireton Christian School Rally Day Sale is coming on Saturday, September 19. Food will begin serving at 5:30 PM with the auction beginning at 6:00 PM. Watch for more information coming soon. We will be offering "To Go" meals for those who are unable to attend.

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.

Join the **Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra** conducted by Dordt Director of Instrumental Ensembles, Dr. Onsby C. Rose, for our annual Pops Concert Saturday, September 12 at 7:30pm. This year's concert will feature the music of master cinematic composer, John Williams. From the Mass Band opening the concert with Williams' acclaimed setting of The Star Spangled Banner, to the Chamber Orchestra with featured student violin soloist, Brianna Miedema, or the emotionally-filled notes of the Theme to Schindler's List, we are sure there will be something to be enjoyed by all! This year's concert will take place in the football stadium beside the All-Seasons Center. We invite you to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and maybe even a snack, exercise social distancing and wear your mask, and enjoy the incomparable Iowa fall weather, as the Dordt instrumental ensembles treat your ears to a wonderful evening of music!

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Trust God's Providence. As we continue to struggle with the effects of both the COVID-19 pandemic and the persistence of racism in our world, many of us long for assurance that God still cares. We may wonder, "Where is God?" "Why isn't he doing anything to help us?" "Did God send the pandemic?" or "Does God allow bad things to happen?" These are the hard questions of providence. Join us as we study scripture to remind ourselves of God's character and gain valuable wisdom to help us understand God's involvement in our current circumstances and why we can confidently continue to put our trust in him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: Fall can be an overwhelming and anxious time for students of all ages. How might you encourage the students in your family or your church this week? You might bake cookies, share a favorite book, send a card. And pray for them as they discover the gifts God has given them and explore how God might be calling them to use those gifts. crcna.org/FaithFormation