

August 6, 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 the Lord Jesus encourage us today as we press on to heaven's eternity.

Today – ***Press On Toward the Goal*** from Philippians 3:12-4:1. Instead of looking back, God calls us to look ahead, to the goal of heaven. Believers in Jesus will reach that goal. If we already belong to heaven's future, how does that impact our lives now on earth? ***We will celebrate holy communion.***

Next Sunday – ***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.

Today's offerings: Steve & Tara Mission Support / The Banquet

Next Sunday's offering: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Ireton Christian School

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Sara Yesda & Barb Huisman

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Myron, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

Sound Booth attendants next week: Caden, Ava, Allyson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper. If you are our guest today, and you are a member of another church, we invite you to join us eating the bread and drinking the cup. The bread and cup are offered to those who have publicly professed their faith by declaring (1) their need for forgiveness as sinners, (2) their trust in Jesus Christ as their crucified and risen Savior, and (3) their promise to strive to grow in their obedience to God.

THANK YOU to all who served and donated for The Banquet last Tuesday. Almost 500 adults and children were served at two sites in Sioux Falls.

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.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6

9:45 AM – Morning Worship. We will celebrate holy communion.

Wednesday, August 9

6:30 PM – consistory meets

7:30 PM – council meets

Sunday, August 13

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.
- Remember Darin and Amy Noyes and their family at the loss of Darin's Uncle Miles Klosterman a week ago.
- 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

Love INC Sioux County invites the public to an Open House to celebrate answered prayers and God's goodness in providing a beautiful, new office space for our affiliate! Please join us on Monday, August 7, 2023, from 4 – 6 p.m. at 1317 Main Street in Rock Valley. Our staff and board will be present to show you around the space and enjoy a time of fellowship together as a community. Light refreshments will be served.

Habitat for Humanity Stud Finder Family Fun Night - Join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity on **Tuesday, August 8** from **5:00-6:30pm** at 1436 11th Ave. NE in Sioux Center and enjoy a pork burger meal, bouncy house, and special time of Prayer & Thanksgiving at 5:30pm! You'll be able to meet the Martinez family, tour the home under construction and view the artistic talents of everyone that sponsored and decorated a stud.

Ukrainian Fundraiser: On Wednesday, August 9 from 5-8pm, there will be a Ukrainian fundraiser at the Maurice Park (rain location at Maurice Reformed Church). The money will help pay for English as a Second Language services for students in the Christian school and adult classes, as well as current and future medical, educational, transportation and food needs. Come for a Pork Producer meal (freewill donation), silent auction, bouncy houses and Ukrainian vendors. Checks are payable to Bethel Christian Reformed Church. For more information, you can contact Sharon Vermeer at ver9135@mtcnet.net . Thanks for considering a donation!

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).

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 Pettitt, 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.