

**August 1, 2021**

## **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 God build us up in Christ as we worship today!

It is our joy this morning to celebrate holy communion. If you are our guest today and have been welcomed to the Lord's table in your home church, feel free to join us as we eat the bread and drink of the cup.

Pastor Bob's message this morning, "Too Much of a Good Thing?" is from 1 Samuel 6:1-7:1. Do we *really* want God to get close to us?

Next week Pastor Bob will deliver a sermon based on 1 Samuel 7:2-17. "Here I Raise My Ebenezer" explores how we rightly draw strength and blessing from God's help.

**Today's offerings: Dekkers Mission / New Roots**

Next Sunday's offerings: Denominational Quotas / The Banquet

**Ministry Spotlight:** Our offering next week will be for The Banquet. The mission of The Banquet in Sioux Falls is to provide a welcoming place where people can gather, receive nourishment and experience love in action, and to assist volunteers in providing food and fellowship to those served through the ministry of The Banquet. We will be vigilant in identifying and fulfilling the needs of the hungry in our diverse community and encouraging the health and wellness of our guest. The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. We now serve 16 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. In 2020 The Banquet served of 200,000 meals, and at least 25,000 of those meals were served to children under 12. We go through approximately 15,000 gallons of milk each year.

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Robert & Val Haverhals

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Derek & Kylie Koenen

August Special Music – Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

### **CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Youth Group summer outing will be August 10.

Pastor Bob's office hours this week:

Monday – Thursday 10:00am – 4:00pm (subject to change.)

You may also arrange to visit with Pastor Bob. Call or text 712-395-0552. (Coffee? Lunch? Just to chat??)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, August 9** – Serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls

**Sunday, August 15** – Grow Groups Organization Meeting 6:00pm.

**Thursday, August 19** – Lebanon Church Community Picnic at 6:30pm.

**Sunday, August 29** – combined evening worship with Hawarden CRC & Ireton CRC at Lebanon.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
  - Adrian & Greeta Kruid at home in Sioux Center
  - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- Pray for the Royal Family Kids' Camp, a ministry for foster children at Inspiration Hills. The camp is from Monday to Friday. Pray for Lebanon Church members who are helping with this event.
- Pray for the Lord to prepare our members to serve at The Banquet on August 9
- Continue to pray for Pam and Harrold Dekkers and God's blessing on her recovery.
- Pray for Kevin Haverhals as he continues to recover from his injuries.
- Continue to pray for God's gift of rain and give thanks for the measure of moisture we have received. Pray for those whose crops suffered storm damage. Pray also for many in the western half of our nation suffering from heat, drought, and wildfires.
- For our missionaries Steve & Tara Dekkers as they return to their work in College Station, TX.
- For Sos & Kara Maletoungou and their work in West Africa.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the gathering for our community picnic on August 19, Lebanon Church.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Amistad Cristiana and Pastor Eddy Olguin.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Dordt University football program** is seeking hosts for incoming football players. This year the need is great again due to another large class of incoming freshmen. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. A welcome lunch will be provided where you get to meet your players. If interested, please respond by emailing assistant football coach Devin Eekhoff, [devin.eekhoff@dordt.edu](mailto:devin.eekhoff@dordt.edu) by August 3.

The Unity Christian High School Booster Club is sponsoring their annual golf outing on **Saturday, August 28, 2021**, at the Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City. Registration for the 4-person, 18-hole event is scheduled to begin at 8:30am. 9am shotgun start and pulled pork meal to follow for lunch. Fee for 18 holes of golf and the meal is \$100 per adult player & \$50 for K-12 students. Link for registration is provided on Unity's website & here @ <https://forms.gle/HmBdBXNVhiH5Ee1U9> . If you have just a double, or a single, let us know and we'll find a team for you. Registration will remain open till the outing is full or on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contacts for the event are Deb Oolman at 449-0814 or [oolman@c-i-service.com](mailto:oolman@c-i-service.com) or Cheri Horstman at 441-4562.

**Love INC** is looking for individuals willing to provide mentoring for participants in the *Faith and Finances* class this fall. Mentors will assist participants with financial goal setting, budgeting, credit (re)building, planning for debt repayment and savings. This begins on August 31 and requires mentors to meet once a week for 12 weeks, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:15 in Rock Valley. Love INC will provide training and guidance throughout the mentoring process. Love INC is also looking for individuals with experience in walking a grief journey after losing a loved one for our *Grief Share* support group. Volunteers would provide support, guide discussion and encourage others through their own journey of grief. Love INC will provide training and guidance. Please call the Love INC office for more information at 712-476-5990 or email Noemi DeWeerd [loveinc3@premieronline.net](mailto:loveinc3@premieronline.net)

**Habitat Sponsor A Stud!** - Gather your friends, family, church group, business, etc. to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the first Habitat House in Hawarden! We will deliver the stud(s) to you, so you can decorate it with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The decorated studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the project. Get more details and **sign up by August 23** by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org)

After a COVID-19 induced separation, Friendship Bible Study students are eager to reunite with former mentors and meet new ones. *New ones*: is God calling *you* to spend an hour (approx. three times a month) with a new friend? The Friendship program nurtures the spiritual growth of people with special needs in the context of personal and meaningful relationships with members of the Christian community. Current members range from teens to retirees. "Friendship" meets on Thursday evenings from September through March with a month-long break in December. If you are interested in more details, either as a student or mentor, please contact Marian Smit (712-441-9243).