

August 22, 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's grace and peace in Jesus Christ be yours!

Pastor Bob's sermon today, "Like Everyone Else," is from 1 Samuel 8. Israel demanded a king, "like everyone else." What does that reveal about our own sense of how God's people fit in this world?

Next Sunday, "A Message from God," is from 1 Samuel 9:25-10:8. The Lord chooses Saul as king and equips him with every advantage. How will Saul use these blessings as king?

Lebanon Church hosts the last combined evening worship service of the summer on August 29 at 6:00 PM. Hawarden and Ireton CRC's will join us. Pastor Bob's message, "Turn-Around," will be from 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 and Lord's Day 20. What five things does the Holy Spirit turn around in us through the power of Christ?

Today's offerings: Tuition Assistance / Siouxland Unity CRC

Next Sunday's offerings: Budget / Cadets

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Darin & Amy Noyes

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Joe & Alissa Richardson

August Special Music – Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Committee meets today, after morning worship.

Pastor Bob's office hours this week:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm (subject to change.)

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

Lebanon Church returns to evening worship on September 12, 6:00pm. Evening worship is scheduled for the second and fourth Sunday evenings of September – December.

Lebanon Youth Group will be sponsoring several 2 x 4 studs for \$100 each to help build the first Habitat House in Hawarden. We will decorate them with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, etc. The decorated studs will be framed into the house, and the community will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the project. If anyone in the church wants to help via donation or decorating, please let Sara or Christy know today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 22 – Grow Groups Organization Meeting 6:00pm.

Tuesday, August 24 – Council meeting. Consistory meets at 6:00pm, full council at 7:30pm.

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 those we served at The Banquet last Monday.
- Pray for these ministries we support with Classiss Iakota: Geneva Campus Ministries at the University of Iowa, Iowa City; and Areopagus Campus Ministry at Iowa State University, Ames. Pray for their impact for Christ in this upcoming academic year.
- Give thanks for the good measure of recovery the Lord has granted these members: Pam Dekkers, Kevin Haverhals, and Amy Noyes.
- Pray for rain, thanking God for the good blessings we enjoy and asking God to help those who suffer from lack of provision.
- For our missionaries Steve & Tara Dekkers and their work in College Station, TX.
- For missionaries Sos & Kara Maletoungou and their work in West Africa.
- Pray for the Lord to bless all who gathered for our community picnic last Thursday.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Carmel Reformed Church.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love and Learn Classes will begin on August 31 at 6:45 PM at Trinity CRC (lower level). Join us for one of these practical topics: *Faith and Finances*, *Grief Share*, *Boundaries*, *Have a New Kid by Friday*, *Affirming Potential*, and *Redemptive Compassion*. For more information visit <http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/> or to register call the Love INC office at 712-476-5990. Registration deadline in August 27.

Ireton Christian School Ladies Auxiliary Annual Kickoff is on Monday, August 30 at 6:30pm in the ICS All Purpose Room. Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship and getting to know each other better. Current moms, past moms, grandma's aunts, teachers, and anyone who shares a love for ICS students are invited to attend. Current ICS moms are asked to bring a salad or appetizer to share.

Community Gospel Choir at Dordt Join London-based artists Geraldine Latty & Carey Luce for a very special Sioux Center community choir. Rehearsals will occur on **August 30, September 13, & September 20** from **7:30–8:45 pm** in the Dordt choir room with workshop and performance on Saturday, **September 25**, from **1:00–9:00 pm**. Open to adults and high school students. To sign up, please go to this URL or look up on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-gospel-choir-with-geraldine-latty-luce-carey-luce-dordt-tickets-167526944601> For more information, please email jeremy.perigo@dordt.edu

September 20 - 21: Bible League's *Spreading the Fragrance of Life* dinner is September 20 at 6:30pm. Their daylong conference is Tuesday, September 21. Both events will be held at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Register online at www.bibleleague.org/tickets. Cost \$20 for dinner; \$40 for conference.

NICSTO contribution forms can be found at the information table/mailboxes at your church. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Brad Vis: brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com ; 605-359-5704.

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