

September 7, 2025

## 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

***“Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.” - Psalm 34:3 NIV***

**This Sunday - Morning Worship** - It is our joy to witness the baptism of Makenzie Marie Gradert, daughter of Josh and Leah! Pastor Bob’s message, *Not Proud*, is from Psalm 131. Why does the LORD picture his own as *weaned* children? We also will prepare to celebrate holy communion next week.

**Evening Worship** - Faith-Food-Fellowship launches a new season at 6:00 PM!

**Next Sunday - Morning Worship** – We will skip ahead to Psalm 133. *Good and Pleasant* explores the blessings of dew, oil, and the fellowship of the LORD’s people. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

**Today’s Offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Bethesda Christian Counseling**

Next Sunday’s Offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Kingdom Boundaries

#### **Serving One Another**

Refreshments after morning worship today: Ken & Julie Dragstra

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Dan, Clay

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Pastor Bob & Jan Drenten

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Myron

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ken Dragstra** continued to receive care at the Sioux Center Hospital last week.

The **Sound Booth is in need of several volunteers** to help with powerpoint and sound. If you are interested in learning, and being on the schedule, please talk to Rick DeBoom.

**Classis Iakota** will meet Tuesday, September 16, at New Holland CRC. Our delegates will be Pastor Bob Drenten, Elder Rick De Boom, and Deacon Dan Dunn

Hawarden CRC would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 2:30pm to celebrate the Installation of Rev. Seth Atsma. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**Faith-Food-Fellowship Dates** - September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2 & 16.

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, September 7**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Faith-Food-Fellowship Kickoff

#### **Sunday, September 14**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship & The Lord’s Supper

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

9:00 AM – Classis Iakota @ New Holland CRC

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

### Prayer for Our Members

- Sylvestre & Cate (Cave) Gonzalez, Evelyn - Household of the Week
- Ken & Julie Dragstra as Ken continues his path to recovery.
- For our college students: Joshua Dragstra (Iowa State University), Carly Dunn (Northwestern College) Addy Liston (Dordt University), Ava Noyes (University of South Dakota), Tyler Steenhoek (Western Iowa Tech).

### Prayer for Our Community

- Pray for our neighbors –for the Koob and Hofmeyer families who grieve the tragic loss of their teenage children in a house fire near Granville last week.
- Pray for college students who come from many states and nations to study at Dordt University and Northwestern College.
- Alcester-Hudson Schools - School of the Week

### Prayer for Church Ministry and Mission

- Give thanks that Sos & Kara have safely returned to their home in Africa. Pray as they resume their work leading the Teacher's Garden.
- Pray that the Lord leads Steve & Tara in their work with Launch Global in Texas.
- Pray for Resonate Global Missions of the CRCNA and the efforts to support church planting in the USA and Canada.
- Pray for Pastor Seth Atsma and family, along with Hawarden CRC, as they begin their ministry together.
- Pray for Rock Rapids CRC and Rev. Al Richardson as they enter into ministry together.
- Pray for churches searching for pastoral leadership: Calvin and Trinity CRCs in Rock Valley, Inwood CRC, Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls, New Holland CRC.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches –Central Reformed Congregation, Pastor Jesse Henkle.

## SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendar for **Justice for All's Annual Meeting and Auction** on Thursday, October 9 at their South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Hear the highlights of the past JFA fiscal year, trips, and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting, there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From homemade items to gift cards, meat bundles, and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item, contact Joel De Wit – [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or 712-739-0055. Meal starts at 5pm and auction starts at 6:45pm.

Save the Date for **Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors' dinner** (Sept 8, 6pm) and conference (Sept 9, 9:30am-2pm) at Bethel CRC to strengthen the body of Christ and raise funds for providing scripture to children worldwide with keynote speaker, Jason Van Ruler. Register before August 31 at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets).

**Groundwork: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom Now** - We've learned that Jesus brought God's kingdom near -- so near, in fact, it's within us. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 14:17, Micah 4:1-5, Matthew 25:35-40, Philippians 2:5-8, Acts 2:42-47, Revelation 11:15, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 to learn what it means and looks like for us to live in God's kingdom here and now, even when we can't fully see it. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- September 9 – Ava N
- September 9 – Joy S
- September 14 – Derek & Kylie K
- September 18 – Jan D
- September 20 – Derek K
- September 21 – Evie G
- September 23 – Cory VS
- September 27 – Darryl & Christy Z
- September 28 – Edie D