

September 10, 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 Christ renew our strength for service today.

Today – AM Worship - “Fixing” Sin from 2 Samuel 11:14-27. David tries to cover his tracks by adding sin to sin. Why don't we want others to see our sin? Do we realize God sees? And that His eyes are the ones that really matter?

Tonight - Coming to Jesus: Nicodemus at Night from John 3:1-12. Our *Faith, Food, and Fellowship* service includes a message about Nicodemus seeking out Jesus to learn who God's Savior is. We will devote our fall evening gatherings to a series of messages about people coming to Jesus for all kinds of reasons.

Next Sunday – Coming Clean from 2 Samuel 12:1-13. Through Prophet Nathan, the Lord shines light on King David's sin. What is it like to *experience* God seeing the full reality of our sin? What will happen to us?

Today's offerings: Denominational Ministry Shares / New Roots Ministry

Next Sunday's offering: Building Fund / Cornerstone Prison Church

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Aaron & Kimberly Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Dan, Ava

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Harold & Pam Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Rick, Myron, Carly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **council proposes** that the number of elders and deacons serving be reduced from 4 to 3 each over the next two years. There will be a brief congregational meeting today after the morning worship service, asking for approval of this change in our by-laws.

Faith, Food, and Fellowship - join us **tonight at 6pm** for a short time of worship, followed by games and fellowship around a fire. Ice cream and toppings will be served. Bring your own lawn chairs. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors.

Evening worship services dates– **September 10 & 17, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19.**

Our **high school catechism class** will meet Sunday mornings after worship beginning **September 17.**

The **Young Peoples** group continues to accept donations of good condition fall adult clothing and shoes for their **mission trip to Minneapolis on September 23 and 24.** Please bring your freshly laundered items to church and place in the donation box or contact Sara or Christy for further information. We will also distribute Gatorade (a requested favorite) while at the homeless shelters.

Classis Iakota meets Tuesday, September 19, 9:00 AM, at Amistad Cristiana in Sioux Center. The Lebanon CRC delegates are Rev. Bob Drenten, Elder Orlan Gulder, and Deacon Al Van Wyhe.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Congregational Meeting

6:00 PM – *Faith, Food, & Fellowship* - Evening Outdoor Worship

Monday, September 11

6:30 PM – Consistory

7:30 PM – Council

Sunday, September 17

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – High School Catechism

6:00 PM - *Faith, Food, & Fellowship* - Evening Outdoor Worship

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Pray for our youth and their leaders as they prepare for their mission trip to Minneapolis on September 23-24.
- 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 hoped for in October. Send a note of encouragement to Mark and Molly and their daughter Clara.
- Pray for Greta Kruid's adjustment to her new home and neighbors.
- Pray for Monte & Shelly Schoellerman. Give thanks that he was able to enjoy a time at home last weekend.
- Pray for Willie Dragstra, receiving care at Crown Point in Sioux Center.
- Rev. Gideon Wamala continues to need our prayer support. Pastor Gideon is making slow progress in healing from colon cancer surgery. Pray for him and Calvin CRC in Rock Valley.
- Remember our mission partners Steve and Tara in College Station, Texas. They ask especially for God's help as those they mentor are facing spiritual opposition.
- 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. Pray the Lord blesses his recent meeting with Christian education leaders from all over Africa.
- Pray for Classis Iakota as our regional churches look forward to meeting September 19. Pray for wisdom and vision as important decisions are made for the mission and ministry Christ has given us to share.
- Continue to pray for our area schools, especially remembering this week our school administrators, boards, and leadership teams. Remember all our schools - from grade school through high school, tech school to universities and seminaries. Pray for efforts in Christian education, to promote and provide Christ-centered teaching.
- Pray for our neighboring churches seeking pastoral leadership, including New Holland CRC, Inwood CRC, First CRC Sioux Falls, Hawarden CRC and Carmel Reformed Church.
- Rejoice with First CRC in Sioux Falls as they celebrate their 100th anniversary this Sunday.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Good Shepherd Congregation, Pastor Travis Else.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us at **Bethel CRC in Sioux Center** on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00am for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women with best-selling author, Carol Kent, whose life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets

Dr. Thomas will be the keynote speaker at the fifth annual **Tri-State Bible Conference**, 7:00 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, September 25 & 26, 2023, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center. He will speak on "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Monday topics are "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" and "Experiencing the Holy Spirit." Tuesday evening, Dr. Thomas will address "The Holy Spirit and our Holiness," and then answer your questions. The conference includes hymn singing, book tables, refreshments, fellowship, and networking with other believers. Registration is appreciated (www.tristatebibleconference.com) but not required. A freewill offering will be received.

9th Annual **Fall Banquet for Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare**. Thursday, September 14th
5PM Fellowship & Silent Auction; 6PM Dinner; 7PM Program & Live Auction. The event will be held at Carmel Reformed Church 2801 360th St Rock Valley, IA 51247 Please RSVP to Rhonda! (605) 695-0059
rhonda.h@kingdomboundaries.org Or you can register kingdomboundaries.org/events