

September 13, 2020
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

Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. Today we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Denominational Quotas / Hope Food Pantry

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Love INC.

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Doug Van Artsan as he leads us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For prayer concerns or to request a visit from council for health, spiritual or any other reason, please contact an elder or deacon.

Small Group Bible Study will be resuming soon. If you would like to join, please contact an elder.

Sunday School for preschool through high school is looking for several teachers and substitutes. If you are willing to help, please contact Harry or Pam Dekkers or Sara Yesda. Thanks for those that continue to help our youth grow in Christ.

Classis Iakota meeting September 15 in Corsica, South Dakota. Delegates Dan Dunn and Josh Gradert will attend.

For anyone that would like to follow Pastor Cory's Kosovo deployment, the best way to do so, in addition to his personal Facebook page, would be to like or follow the following Facebook pages...

- KFOR Regional Command East
- 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division
- 2/34 IBCT Unit Ministry Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 23: Council meeting at 8:00 pm full council meets.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greeta
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age
- For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church
- For our church family that we would live by and grow in faith, hope and love – together
- For those dealing with health concerns, for healing mercy
- For those grieving the death of loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa
- For Jason and Amanda Van Driessen and family and baby due February 2021.
- **Praying for our Local Congregations:** September 13 – Hope Lutheran Congregation, Pastor Katie Russell

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

Practice social distancing. (6 feet) No handshakes, hugs, or any other physical contact.

At the present time we are not offering nursery, but we encourage parents to attend with their children and are welcome to use the nursery for a quiet space during the service if needed.

Visit outside with social distancing.

Sit as a household six feet apart from other households.

There is hand sanitizer at the bulletin racks and by the mailboxes to be utilized before & after worship.

The offering rack will be by the west entrance/exit. Drop your offering(s) in one of the bags on the rack as you exit. Maintain social distancing as you exit.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Western Christian's Fall Society Meeting update: The School Board's original plan was to host a meeting on campus on Tuesday, August 18. However, due to health risks, we are working to create alternate ways to both receive society input and offer our constituents a State of School Report. We believe we can achieve this goal by postponing the Society Meeting to Monday, September 21 at 7pm.

Ireton Christian School Rally Day Sale is coming on Saturday, September 19. Food will begin serving at 5:00 PM with the auction beginning at 6:00 PM. We will be offering "To Go" meals for those who are unable to attend.

The annual **Dordt University Honors Recital** will take place Friday, September 18 at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers just outside the auditorium following the recital. Masks are required for all recital attendees and seating will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how Covid-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions on in-person attendance.

Justice For All is changing things up this year! You're invited to join us at the combined Fall Banquet & Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday, October 1, with dinner at 6:00pm at the Parkview Events Center of Rock Valley, IA. Due to COVID, we will not be inviting a ministry partner to travel this year, but you will hear from many of them virtually! There will be a short business meeting. The Fall Auction will be looking a bit different this year, as much of it will be online. There will be a Silent Auction at the event and a complete list of online items will also be available. Reservations for the meal are necessary and can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry, both past and future, as well as support JFA ministry through the auction! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Answer God's Call for Justice. If we want to think about justice, there are plenty of opinions and articles available on social media. Yet engaging pithy posts and news clips online makes it pretty easy for us to affirm what we already think. As Christians, though, it is essential for us to start, not with the media, but with scripture when seeking justice. In order to best reflect on the social inequities and the calls for racial justice in our world today, we invite you to turn with us to scripture to better understand the meaning of biblical justice and what that means for our role in pursuing justice as Christians. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

From Faith Formation Ministries

Family Faith Formation Tip: The Practice of Sabbath: "God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." List all the things you "created" last week: work projects, meals, social media posts, family schedules, clean clothes, conversations.... Which of your creations were "very good"? Which helped others flourish? Which did not? Take some time to bring your list to God in prayer.

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