

September 17, 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 - *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?

**Tonight - Faith, Food, & Fellowship - *Coming to Jesus: A Cheated Heir*** from Luke 12:13-21. Jesus answers the deeper question behind the cheated heir's complaint. What is that deeper question - the one we ALL ask?

**Next Sunday – Morning Worship - *Coming Clean: Ask for Forgiveness*** from Psalm 51:1-2 and Luke 5:27-32. We'd prefer that others find no faults in us. We still see the sin inside no one else might see. We can't hide from God. Wouldn't God prefer to welcome us with no faults inside?

**Today's offerings: Building Fund / Cornerstone Prison Church**

Next Sunday's offering: Lebanon Budget / Amistad Cristiana

#### Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Harold & Pam Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Rick, Myron, Eli

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Lloyd & Bonnie Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Cole, Dan

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Faith, Food, and Fellowship** - join us **tonight at 6pm** for a short time of worship, followed by games and fellowship around a fire. We'll enjoy watermelon and refreshments. Bring your own lawn chairs and bring your friends and neighbors! Will this be our last time outdoors this fall? Don't miss it!

Dear Lebanon friends, **Thank you** for your generous gifts, your cards, and prayers as we deal with Emmett's illness. We ask you continued prayers as we work towards Emmett's transplant. You can find updates on Emmett's journey on his caring bridge site. Thank you, Mark, Molly, Clara and Emmett H.

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

All **Sunday School and high school catechism classes** will meet Sunday mornings after worship beginning today, **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 17

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – High School Catechism

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

## **Sunday, September 24**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

## 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. Doctors successfully replaced Emmett's PIC line last week, where infection had settled - praise God for that good news!
- Pray for Monte & Shelly Schoellerman, as Monte looks forward to his surgeon's evaluation of his healing following his foot surgery. They long for a good report.
- Pray for Willie Dragstra, receiving care at Crown Point in Sioux Center. Willie tested positive for COVID last week; pray for a complete recovery.
- 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.
- Pray for the Lord to guide the process now underway to call an elder and a deacon from our membership to serve three-year terms.
- 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Sunday.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Lebanon Christian Reformed Congregation, Pastor Bob Drenten.

## SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Registration is appreciated ([www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com)) but not required. A freewill offering will be received.

Mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on October 6. **Bible League International** (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center beginning at 7 p.m. The groups performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world.

Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a memorable night at **Promise Community Health Center's** 14th annual "**Evening of Promise**" **Celebration** to take place Thursday, October 19 at 6pm at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. This event promises an evening of entertainment (Dueling Duos, dueling pianos), great food, and an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. See this link, <https://promisechc.org/an-evening-of-promise-2023/> for tickets and more information.