

September 24, 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 – 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?

Next Sunday – We welcome Dr. Kyle Dieleman of Dordt University as he leads our morning worship. Pastor Bob and Jan are on vacation. Our worship will include a time to prepare for holy communion.

Today's offerings: Lebanon Budget / Amistad Cristiana

Next Sunday's offering: Steve & Tara Mission Support / Hope Haven

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Lloyd & Bonnie Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants today: Arlo, Cole, Myron

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Verlyn & Karel Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Dan, Addy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willie Dragstra was admitted to the Sioux Center Hospital last Wednesday to treat a collapsed left lung. He also made good progress recovering from COVID.

We will celebrate holy communion in the morning worship service on October 8.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

Sunday, October 1

9:45 AM – Morning Worship led by Dr. Kyle Dieleman

11:00 AM – Sunday School

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- 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 November. Pray for strength for parents Mark & Molly, and their daughter Clara.
- 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.
- 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. The Teachers' Garden continues to develop as a promising new ministry in Africa. Pray the Lord's blessing.
- Pray for our Classis Iakota mission partners, Rev. Tyler & Chrisina Helpers in South Africa and Rev. Mark & JinHee in Nepal.
- Pray for peace and stability in the South Dakota State Penitentiary, and for Cornerstone Prison Church to continue its ministry under Rev. Scott Van Voorst.
- 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.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Maria Magdalena Reformed Congregation, Pastors Jason Lief, Martha Draayer.

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) 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.

From Back to God Ministries International Groundwork: Faith in the Fire - Throughout our lives, we will experience instances where we feel pressured to compromise our faith. Join Groundwork as we study the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace in Daniel 3 for encouragement to stand firm, trust God, and remain faithful even in the most challenging of circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.