

**September 27, 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: Lebanon Budget / Sioux Center Christian School**

Next Sunday's offerings: Dekkers Mission / Ireton Christian School

Next Sunday, we welcome Rev. Tinklenberg as he leads us in worship and celebrating the Lord's Supper.

### **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.

**Church Education** for preschool through high school will meet after the morning service.

**The nursery** is open to parents with young children for a quiet space during the service if needed but is not staffed.

Council invites the congregation to submit **nominations for office-bearers**. There are 1 deacon and 2 elder positions to fill. Nominations can be submitted in writing to any current elder or deacon by Sunday, October 11.

There is a bag on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to place a card/note for Pastor Cory in there, it will be checked regularly and sent on to him.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, October 12** – full council meets at 8:00pm.

**Search Committee Update: Sunday, October 25** – Rev. Shawn Abbas will lead us in worship. There will be a meet and greet potluck lunch after the morning service. A little information about Shawn: He grew up on a farm in North Central Iowa. His wife, Stacy, grew up on a farm in North Dakota. They have three children. Rev. Abbas is currently pastoring two churches, Hope Reformed Church in Westfield, North Dakota and the Hull CRC in Hull, North Dakota.

### **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 27 – Netherlands Reformed Congregation

## **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**

The **Hawarden/Lebanon CRC GEMS** are selling Usborne cards as a fundraiser for our group. There is a choice of 4 different boxes of 30 cards – \$30. 2 – All Occasion, 1 Thanks & Blanks, 1 Kid’s Birthday box. Another selection is a holiday box of 50 cards for \$30. There are 2 sample boxes of cards to look at in the Narthex. You may contact Ava Noyes or Karel Dekkers for more information. Please make checks payable to Anita Van Ravenhorst. We appreciate your support of our group. Final date for sales is October 11. Thanks!!

The **Board of Unity** invites supporters of the school to join them on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Unity Knight Center for an exciting Society Meeting update on the 21 Campaign. Some design changes have been made, lowering the projected costs for the project. The Board is asking for your presence to vote on the project changes.

**Western Christian High School** will be conducting their annual Stewardship Day on Wednesday, October 7. We are looking for opportunities for our students to serve our local communities through yard work, painting, cleaning, and other volunteer activities. If you are in need of work that needs to be done around your residence please contact the school by Tuesday, September 29 at 712-439-1013.

**Cornerstone Prison Church:** We want to thank you for your prayer support and financial support in the past and recently. We ask that you keep this church in your prayers as we look to a transition in leadership as Pastor Doug and Lee have accepted a call to the Rock Rapids CRC beginning October 1, 2020. We thank them for their years of service to this church behind the walls of the SDSP and wish them God's blessing. We also ask that God will lead us to find the right person to fill the position of lead pastor at Cornerstone.  
Ambassador Board of Cornerstone Prison Church.

**ATLAS of Sioux Center** is hosting a “Walk the Talk” event on Thursday, October 1 at the Sioux Center Outdoor Track. You are invited to walk anytime between 7-9pm (come and go as you wish). Find a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or anyone to join you. We will have some conversation topics available but it’s really just for fun and to fellowship in a socially distanced environment. It is FREE to attend! There will be an opportunity for free-will donations or to order a t-shirt if you desire.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: Be Holy. The book of Leviticus, often called the “the holiness code” by scholars, contains all the rules and laws Israel was to follow in order to be holy. Why did they need to be holy? Because God is holy, and his presence dwelt among them. This holiness code may feel out-of-date to Christians today, because Jesus Christ’s sacrifice has freed us from the burden of these rules and laws. But when we read the New Testament, we quickly discover that the theme of Leviticus—to be holy because God is holy—still applies to followers of Christ today. Studying the holiness code can help us better understand God’s command to “Be holy because I am holy” and what it means for how we live our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

**From Faith Formation Ministries:** Family Faith Formation Tip: The Practice of Sabbath: In *Rhythms of Rest*, Shelly Miller writes, “God's creation is a life-giving inhale for all of us, and Sabbath is the exhale.” Wherever you are today, find a bit of God’s creation to enjoy as you take time to “exhale.” Look at a leaf with a magnifying glass. Sit and watch birds in flight. Look at the clouds overhead. Quiet your busy mind. Then read Psalm 148 for a taste of how all —creation praises God. [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation)