

September 3, 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 - Pastor Bob begins a series of sermons exploring the power of sin and the greater power of God's grace in Jesus Christ. The series is based on the account of King David's sin, sorrow, and redemption from 2 Samuel 11-12 and Psalm 51. ***Just High Enough*** will be from 2 Samuel 11:1-13, David's fall into sin with Bathsheba.

Next Sunday – ***“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?

Today's offerings: Sos & Kara Mission Support / Sioux Center Food Pantry

Next Sunday's offering: Denominational Ministry Shares / New Roots Ministry

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today: Rick & Kay De Boom

Sound Booth attendants today: Caden, Cole, Addy

Refreshments after morning worship next week: Aaron & Kimberly Dekkers

Sound Booth attendants next week: Arlo, Dan, Ava

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **council proposes** that the number of elders and deacons serving be reduced from 4 to 3 each over the next two years. The council will bring this before the congregation at a special, brief congregational meeting on September 10 after the morning worship service, asking for approval of this change in our by-laws. Look for a formal agenda in your church mailbox.

Faith, Food, and Fellowship is the theme for evening worship this fall. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us next Sunday for a short time of worship, followed by games and fellowship around a fire. September 10, our first Faith, Food, and Fellowship will begin at 6pm. Ice cream and toppings will be served. Bring your own lawn chairs.

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.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

Sunday, September 10

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11:00 AM – Congregational Meeting

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

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 the coming weeks. Emmett has been battling a staph infection in his blood this past week.
- Pray for Monte & Shelly Schoellerman. Monte expected to learn the progress of his healing from his surgery last Friday.
- Pray for the family and friends of Mike Bruckner of Rock Valley. Mike passed away last Tuesday after a long battle with cancer.
- 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. Pray that God blesses our gifts for their support.
- 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.
- Some have been blessed with healthy crops this year. Some watched crops struggle in parched fields. Pray that the Lord gives us the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.
- A hurricane flooded northwest Florida this past week. Fires continue to blaze throughout Canada. In Hawaii, people continue to grieve and clean up the mess of their tragic wildfires. War has no end in sight in Ukraine. Violence has unraveled life in Haiti. People around the world suffer. Pray for those in great need, and for the Prince of Peace to come.
- 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 next Sunday.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Churches – Hope Lutheran Congregation.

SCHOOL & AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day Worship and Learning Event at the Fruited Plain Cafe. On Monday, September 4, you are invited to a night of singing, praying and learning on the theme of Work and Worship. Covenant CRC and Good Shepherd Church will co-host, and Dr. Matthew Kaemingk, the First Mondays Speaker at Dordt, will join us. Together, we'll sing new songs from the Porter's Gate songwriting collective off their album *Worship for Workers* and spend time in prayer for our city and county and the work and workers here. The event begins at 7:00 PM. For more information on the *Worship for Workers* project, go to worshipforworkers.com.

The Sioux Center area Friendship Bible group begins its season at the end of this month. A young man in his early twenties—talkative, fun and funny, excited about his job (and Friendship)—needs a new mentor. If you are **an adult male** who feels led to spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, please contact the First CRC secretary (office@firstcrc.com), and she will connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

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 & impacting the world for Christ. Registration can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets

Join the First CRC Youth Group for their annual Labor Day pancake breakfast on Monday, September 4, to be held at First CRC in Sioux Center, with serving from 7:30 to 9:30am. Free will donations are for the youth group's mission trip.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-26; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 03-09; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 02-08; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 16-22. Please email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org and he will get you a flyer. To sign up or for more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org). Or you may join us on October 23rd at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA, for an information meeting at 6:30pm (refreshments will be provided).