

September 6, 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 Rev. Jerry Buwalda to lead us in worship.

Today's offerings: Maletoungou Mission / Amistad

Next Sunday's offerings: Denominational Quotas / Hope Food Pantry

Next Sunday, we welcome Mr. Keith Hoekstra 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 23: Council meeting. 6:30 pm elders meet, 7:30 pm full council meets.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian Kruid resides at home in Sioux Center with Greta
 - 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 students and teachers as they begin a new school year
- For our missionaries and their work in Texas and West Africa

Guidelines and expectations for COVID-19 worship

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

The nursery is closed and off limits. Avoid the restrooms if possible.

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.

Join the **Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra** conducted by Dordt Director of Instrumental Ensembles, Dr. Onsby C. Rose, for our annual Pops Concert Saturday, September 12 at 7:30pm. This year's concert will feature the music of master cinematic composer, John Williams. From the Mass Band opening the concert with Williams' acclaimed setting of The Star Spangled Banner, to the Chamber Orchestra with featured student violin soloist, Brianna Miedema, or the emotionally-filled notes of the Theme to Schindler's List, we are sure there will be something to be enjoyed by all! This year's concert will take place in the football stadium beside the All-Seasons Center. We invite you to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and maybe even a snack, exercise social distancing and wear your mask, and enjoy the incomparable Iowa fall weather, as the Dordt instrumental ensembles treat your ears to a wonderful evening of music!

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: Worship and Fellowship Together. During the COVID-19 pandemic, church worship has been anything but normal. But it has caused us to reflect like never before on the question "What is the Church?" Join us as we study scripture to discuss why being in a spiritual community matters, to give thanks for the technology that has allowed us to continue meeting together in modified ways, to explore the questions churches have wrestled with (and answered differently) about communion, and to reflect on our experiences as we consider what we've learned and what it means for our relationship with God and with his people. 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: In *Wendell Berry and the Given Life*, author Ragan Sutterfield quotes Berry: "[Sabbath] is not a break so that we might become renewed and refreshed for more work, but is rather a time when we live in the simple reality that we are creatures whose lives are given by God." How might this insight change how you celebrate sabbath? crcna.org/FaithFormation