

September 12, 2021

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

This is the day the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it! Welcome to Lebanon Church!

This morning, Pastor Bob continues the series from 1 Samuel. “Passing the Torch” is from 1 Samuel 12. What did Israel need to know about God as Samuel’s leadership gave way to Saul’s throne? What is the promise and the challenge for us of gaining and sharing Christ?

Tonight, we return to 6:00 PM evening worship. Pastor Bob’s message, “What We Really Want,” will be from Isaiah 64:1-12 and Lord’s Day 1.

Today’s offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Resonate Global Missions

Next Sunday’s offerings: Building Fund / Hawarden/Ireton GEMS

Ministry Spotlight: Our offering next week will be for GEMS. GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Our mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. To accomplish this mission, we provide resources to help relationships flourish. GEMS was founded on the principles defined in Titus 2, and we help women show girls how to live God-honoring lives.

Serving One Another

Refreshments after morning worship today and remembering our shut-ins this week: Jaron & Kadee Van Beek

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Charlie & Nola Van Driessen

September Special Music – Harry & Pam Dekkers

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church education begins today after morning worship. High School Catechism will meet in the council room. Young Elementary will meet at the bottom of the stairs, and Middle Elementary will meet in the church basement.

The council will begin the process of nominations for elder and deacon in the near future. You are invited to direct attention to qualified candidates. Let Chairman Wayne Dekkers know of any you wish to suggest for consideration.

Pastor Bob’s office hours this week: Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm at the parsonage.

Outside of those hours, feel free to arrange a visit with Pastor Bob Call or text 712-395-0552. (Coffee? Lunch? Just to chat??)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 12 – 6:00pm. Evening Worship

Monday, September 13 – 6:30pm Consistory; 7:30 Council

Sunday, September 19 – 6:00pm. Grow Groups resume. Each group will review the material they covered in Max Lucado’s study of Ephesians. If you wish to join a group, please contact Pastor Bob.

Sunday, September 26 – Youth Group meets after morning worship

Sunday, September 26 – 6:00pm Evening Worship. Fellowship Coffee Hostesses – Dana D. and Ashley D.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
 - Adrian & Greeta Kruid at home in Sioux Center
 - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- Pray for God's blessing on a new season of worship, learning and fellowship.
- Pray for the council as they meet Monday night. The process of selecting new elders and deacons will begin soon. Pray for guidance.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers in College Station, TX and for those they serve.
- Pray for Sos and Kara in West Africa. Their homeland experienced a coup a week ago, and they are under a new government. It is a time of uncertainty.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Christ the King Catholic congregation, Father Douglas Klein.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Supporters and parents of Unity are invited to join together on **Sunday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m.** for a Prayer Walk. We will divide into groups and each group will follow a map covering prayer requests over specific parts of the school and to seek God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19 Please come be a part of this work. Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650. **Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with make your own ice cream Sundaes!**

Love INC of Sioux County is looking for volunteers for the Rides of Love ministry to occasionally provide rides to medical or mental health appointments for members of our community who are in need of transportation. Please call Love INC at 712-476-5990 for more information and to be added to our call list of volunteer drivers.

Ireton Christian School's Annual Rally Day Sale will be held on Saturday, September 18 in the school gym. Food will begin at 5:00 with the auction beginning at 6:00 PM. Come for a night of food, Christian fellowship, and to support Ireton Christian School.

Kingdom Boundaries 7th Annual Fall Banquet will be Monday, September 13th at New Life Church in Sioux Center. Doors open at 5:00pm and meal at 6:00pm.

Missionary Update: Please, join us in prayer for peace and stability in West Africa where we have been based and serving Christian schools, teachers and leaders since 2013. You may have seen in the mainstream media that a coup led by the commander of the well-equipped elite forces in charge of the presidential guard and security took place in our country of service yesterday afternoon. These [headlines](#) provide a fair summary of where things are at out here. In fact, I was on my way out of town for a service and child baptism yesterday morning when I heard through informal sources about minor military discontent downtown. I also noticed a few police trucks driving in the opposite direction. I decided to cancel the visit and turned around in order to be together with Kara and the boys. The coup was announced on the radio a few hours after I made it back home safely. Land and air borders will remain closed for a week and a new assessment of the country's security situation will determine what happens next. They have also closed roads into and out of the capital city which would have cut me off from my family had I pursued my visit out of town yesterday. However, so far we continue to praise God for calm in our neighborhood and we had a peaceful night. Those who seized power are encouraging the population to go to work, but we are staying home for the time being. Our boys schools are also closed for now. Thank you for your continued prayer for a quick return to peace and stability in the country. We'll keep you posted. Together in Christ, Sosthene & Kara

Christians Get Depressed Too – The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on October 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com or contact Rev. John Vermeer at jvermeer61@hotmail.com