

**September 19, 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**

Welcome to Lebanon Church. Let us glorify the Lord and exalt his name together!

This morning, Pastor Bob's sermon "Leading and Following," is from 1 Samuel 14:24-48. Is your leader worthy to follow?

Next Sunday morning, "Point of No Return" will explore the danger of straying from God. In 1 Samuel 15, King Saul hears that God rejects him as king. How far from God is too far?

Next Sunday evening, "Designed to Love" continues a series from the Heidelberg Catechism. Matthew 22:34-40 and Lord's Day 2 reveal God's purpose for our lives.

#### **Today's offerings: Building Fund / GEMS of Hawarden-Ireton-Lebanon**

Next Sunday's offerings: Budget / Safe Church Ministry

**Ministry Spotlight:** Our offering next week will be for Safe Church Ministry. "Most of us, when we think of abuse prevention and awareness, think of windows in doors and abuse prevention policies. While these are certainly helpful, Safe Church would like to invite churches to imagine a more holistic approach to nurturing a safe and healthy church community where abuse itself becomes unthinkable and where survivors feel supported and safe."

#### **Serving One Another**

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

Refreshments after morning worship & remembering our shut-ins next week: Broc & Sara Yesda

September Special Music – Harry & Pam Dekkers

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The council will begin the process of nominations for elder and deacon at the October 11 meeting. 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: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm 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??)

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Today Sunday, September 19**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School and High School Catechism

6:00 PM – 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 or need a book, please contact Pastor Bob.

#### **Tuesday**

Classis Iakota at Harrison, SD, CRC. Delegates are Rev. Drenten, Elder Orlan Gulker and Deacon Ashley Dekkers.

#### **Sunday, September 26**

9:45 AM – Morning Worship

11:00 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM - Youth Group meets after morning worship – we will be decorating the Habitat for Humanity Studs.

6:00 PM – Evening Worship. Fellowship Coffee Hostesses – Dana D. and Ashley D.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- For our shut-ins:
  - Adrian & Greta Kruid at home in Sioux Center
  - Christina Vander Esch resides at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden
- Classis Iakota meets on Tuesday. Pray for this gathering of our churches' delegates, and for the ministries we support together.
- Pray for Steve & Tara Dekkers in College Station, TX and for those they serve.
- Pray for Sos and Kara in Guinea. Give thanks for the improving stability in their nation following their change in government.
- Continue to pray for strength and safety in this harvest season, and for blessing of the crop being gathered.
- Praying for our Sioux Center Area Congregations: Christ of Christ congregation, Pastor Dustin Bolks.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

See You at the Pole Wednesday, Sept 22nd at 7:45 AM - 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students meet near the flag pole at West Sioux Middle/High School to pray for your school, peers, nation, community, etc. There will be a free breakfast provided for students by Youth for Christ. Another way you can help is by being present to support the students who are taking a stand for Christ! You can help with passing out breakfast items and just visiting with the students.

Dordt welcomes Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt on Monday, September 27 at 11 a.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium for her presentation, "Making Space for the Dead in Conversations of Faith and Science." This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at [www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series](http://www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series).

Experience Art in the Prairie on Saturday, October 2 from 3-4 pm at the Dordt University Prairie. Arts in the Prairie is an interactive event where Dordt departments such as the Environmental Studies department, the Art department, the Theatre department, the English department, and various musicians all come together to set up booths and/or activities in Dordt's prairie for community members and Dordt students alike.

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](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com) or contact Rev. John Vermeer at [jvermeer61@hotmail.com](mailto:jvermeer61@hotmail.com)

You are invited to join us at Dordt, BJ Haan Auditorium, for a Live Concert on *Monday, November 1 at 7pm*, featuring **Andrew Peterson**, singer, songwriter, and author from Nashville, TN. Get tickets [here](#) or on his website: [www.andrew-peterson.com](http://www.andrew-peterson.com). Contact Ruth Clark at [Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu](mailto:Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu) or calling 722-6507.

**From Back to God Ministries International** Groundwork: You Shall Not Murder: The sixth commandment "You shall not murder" seems quite straightforward. And yet, we know that sometimes people kill in wars, or in self-defense, and so we need to ask ourselves is it ever ok to kill? In Ecclesiastes it says that there is a time to kill, so how do we reconcile that with this commandment? And what exactly does the sixth commandment demand of us? Join *Groundwork* as we study the first murder recorded in the Bible and other passages in both the Old and New Testaments to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment and discover why recognizing each person as an image-bearer of God is so vital to helping us keep it. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

**From Faith Formation Ministries: The Practice of Sabbath:** Read Luke 6:6-11 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

- In what areas of your life do you need healing and restoration?
- How might celebrating sabbath help you open your heart to letting Jesus "completely restore" and heal you?
- How might your sabbath celebration include opportunities to extend healing and restoration to your neighbor?

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