

**Morning Worship ~ 9:45 a.m. / Evening Worship ~ 6 p.m.**

**April 29, 2018**

**Welcome to Lebanon Christian Reformed Church! The mission of Lebanon CRC is to live by and grow in faith, hope, and love—together.**

**Today's offerings: General Fund / KDCR**

Next Sunday's offerings: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Justice For All

## **Serving One Another**

Nursery today: Josh & Leah Gradert / Nursery next Sunday: Myron & Nancy Gradert

Refreshments after morning worship today and visiting our shut-ins this week: Broc & Sara Yesda

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Darryl & Christy Zeutenhorst

## **Congregational Announcements**

**There is a Grow Groups sign-up sheet** by the mailboxes. Please sign up, whether as a couple or an individual, if you would like to participate in a Grow Group. Grow Groups are small groups of 8-10 people who meet at least once per month in order to grow in faith, hope, and love—together.

**Pastor Cory is offering pre-profession of faith classes** to all junior high, high school, and post-high school young people and young adults who have not yet made public profession of faith and would like to consider doing so. The four classes will meet in the council room following morning worship April 29 through May 20 for thirty minutes each time.

If you would like to explore what it means to make public profession of faith, come to these classes! Those who attend the four classes will be given an opportunity to make public profession of faith, although no one will be expected to.

**Tonight, we welcome Unity Christian's Bel Canto Chorale Ensemble** as they share a ministry of music with us!

**Women of all ages** are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (May 1 & 15) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

**Women's Bible Study** is Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through May 1, using a 7-session study based on Priscilla Shirer's book *Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize when God Speaks*. All women from the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come and welcome and encouraged to invite other women to join us!

**Congratulations and God's blessings to those graduating in May:** Cody Gradert from Iowa State University, Tyler Dunn and Brendan Zeutenhorst from Sioux Center High School, Josh Dragstra and Tyler Steenhoek from Unity Christian High School, Jace Noyes from Ireton Christian School, Josie Zeutenhorst from Sioux Center Christian School, and Ellie Richardson and Ember Van Driessen from Kids of the Kingdom Preschool.

**Our annual National Day of Prayer Service** with Carmel Reformed Church and Peace Lutheran Church is Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at Carmel. An offering will be received for Love INC of Sioux County. Please make attending this special prayer service a priority! [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org)

**Beginning next Sunday morning, May 6,** the deacons will receive two offerings in morning worship, one for the designated morning offering and one for the designated evening offering. There will still be an evening offering for what is designated. This way, you will have two opportunities to give to the designated evening offering if you desire to do so.

**The congregation is invited to** the marriage ceremony of Justine Van Sloten and Klay Byker on Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City and reception following at Prairie Winds Event Center, also in Orange City. Please RSVP to [bykervanslotenwedding@gmail.com](mailto:bykervanslotenwedding@gmail.com) by Friday, May 11.

**Thank you** to all who attended and generously contributed to the success of our Christian education auction! Nearly \$26,000 was raised for next year's Christian education assessments, which will be nearly \$39,000 between Ireton Christian School, Sioux Center Christian School, Unity Christian High School, and Western Christian High School. Please consider gifts to our Christian education fund to make up for the needed difference. Thank you!

**Our new and improved church website** ([lebanoncrc.org](http://lebanoncrc.org)) is now live and looks great! Thank you Amanda Van Driessen for your work in getting this set up! The user name and password for members login are Lebanon Member and l3ban0n.

**Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons)** will next meet Tuesday, May 22; consistory at 6:30 p.m. and council at 7:30 p.m. As always, direct any questions or concerns to an elder or deacon or Pastor Cory.

## **Congregational Prayers and Praises**

\*For our shut-ins:

Elmer & Artie Bonnema Elmer resides at Crown Pointe in Sioux Center; Artie at Sheldon Sanford Senior Care

Adrian Kruid Resides at home in Sioux Center

Severt & Christina Vander Esch Reside at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Hawarden

\*For our elderly members and parents and grandparents whose health is declining due to age

\*For those grieving the death of loves ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

\*For those dealing with health concerns; for healing mercy and sufficient grace

\*For our children, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus

\*For our marriages, that they would reflect the love of Jesus for the church

\*For the Dekkers' & Maletoungou's, and their work in College Station, Texas and Guinea, Africa

\*For Cate Cave, living and serving in Chiapas, Mexico

\*For Robert Raithle, our exchange student from Germany staying with Searcy's; Ruihan Chen has returned to China

\*For Jason and Amanda and Ember and Jaxon and baby Van Driessen, due in May

\*For Cody Gradert and Katelyn Probst, engaged to be married on May 26

\*For Justine Van Sloten and Klay Byker, engaged to be married on June 1

## **Other Announcements**

**Western Christian High School** is conducting their annual spring drive. The Board of Directors has designated \$30,000 from the Spring Drive to help reduce tuition for all students. The Board has also allocated up to \$100,000 to renovate the new thrift store (former Hull bowling alley) that Western Christian will be opening this summer. This will be a great source of additional revenue to support Christian education. Currently about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the funds have been raised. If you haven't made a gift yet please consider doing so soon as we would like to conclude this drive by May 4. Thank you!

**Unity Christian High School is doing their 4<sup>th</sup> Creation Caretaker Clean-a-thon** on Wednesday, May 2. Staff and students will clean over 50 miles of Sioux County roadways. Our fundraising goal is \$40,000 and funds raised will be used for our annual budget. We are asking students to seek donations from families, friends and church members. Donors are welcome to give to this cause, either through a student, or through a direct donation to the school. If you do not receive a brochure in the mail, but would like to participate, just send a donation to Unity Christian before May 31.

**Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon** is Monday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City. Come learn about the work of Bible League International in Latin America and enjoy the music of the Siouxland Women's Chorus. Bring a salad for every two people to share; drink will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration as it would be great to have a large group come to support the work of Bible League International.

**"Good Battle" Israel Tours:** There are still some discounted \$1,500 trips to Israel in 2018 or 2019 with author Cliff Graham and his team—first come, first served. If interested or for more information, go to [goodbattletours.com](http://goodbattletours.com), or contact Cliff Graham at [hello@cliffgraham.com](mailto:hello@cliffgraham.com), or check out his Facebook page at [facebook.com/cliffgrahamauthor](https://facebook.com/cliffgrahamauthor), or talk to Charlie or Nola or Amanda Van Driessen.

## **From Back to God Ministries International**

God's Church Seeks Biblical Justice: What is the role of the Church in seeking justice? How do we balance our calling to save souls with our justice calling? Join Groundwork as we study John 1:5, Acts 6:1-7, and Galatians 6:9-10 to learn what it means for us as God's church to seek biblical justice. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.