

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

April 8, 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: Maletoungou Mission / Back to God Ministries International

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Gideons

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Ken & Julie Dragstra / Nursery next Sunday: Dan & Dana Dunn

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Jason & Amanda Van Driessen

Congregational Announcements

Pastor Cory and Arla are on vacation April 6-15. Pastor Fred Wilgenburg, Director of New Roots Ministry, is providing pulpit supply this morning and Seminarian Jordan Helming will provide pulpit supply next Sunday morning, April 15. Tonight, and next Sunday evening, April 15, we will show Louie Giglio's messages (40-45 minutes) "Indescribable" and "How Great Is Our God", each of which combine creation (general revelation) and the Word of God (special revelation) in ways that will leave you in awe of who our God is. Don't miss these inspiring messages! The deacons will receive the offerings for Back to God Ministries International and local Gideons as you exit the sanctuary on each of these evenings.

Congratulations to Jaron and Kadee Van Beek and thanks be to God for the gift of Tatum Renae Van Beek!

Women's Bible Study is Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., March 13 – April 24, 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!

Christian Education Auction will be Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Please inform Julie Dragstra of donated goods and services by today, April 8 so that a master list can be compiled for the sale. Donations of additional goods and services are welcome. If you are willing to help with food or during the auction please let Julie know that as well. We have a current deficit of \$8,000. If you would like to contribute to the deficit, designate your offering for Christian education.

We are providing the chapel service at Hillcrest in Hawarden next Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. Please join us!

Women of all ages are invited to a time of fellowship on the first and third Tuesday of each month (April 3 & 17) at 10 a.m. at Casey's Bakery to connect with and encourage each other. You may come and go as you please.

Consistory (elders) and council (elders and deacons) will next meet Tuesday, April 17; 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 loved ones and longing to be reunited with them through Jesus

*For those dealing with health concerns

*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 our missionaries, 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

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*For Dan & Miranda and baby girl Gradert, due in April

*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

Inspiration Hills' Annual Sportsman's Day is Saturday, April 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes various shooting ranges and competitions, seminars, lunch, the Gould brothers (gouldbrothers.com/about), swap meet and silent auction, and prize giveaways. Cost is \$30 per person (6 and under free). For more information, paper and online registration options, and required release forms for each participant, go to inspirationhills.org/sportsmans-day.html.

Sioux Center Christian School's 4th Annual Trail'Raiser Night is Saturday, April 14. Trail'Raiser Night 2018 will center around the auction, but will also feature our famous gourmet cupcake stand, a new addition of sub sandwiches, truth t-shirts, hangers of hope, fold-up bags, inflatables, trailblazer treats, buy-it-now and silent auction tables, and a freewill supper! Plus there will be a celebration of learning open house in which students will show how they are learning God's story in every area of study! Doors will open at 3 p.m.; celebration of learning open house 3:30 – 5 p.m.; freewill supper 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.; and live auction at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds from this year's event will help reduce the \$1.2 million debt remaining on the building expansion project which was completed in 2015. siouxcenterchristian.com/support/trailraisernight.cfm

Unity Christian High School's Annual Society Meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Center. This meeting will include approving the 2018-19 budget, a foundation report, election of new board members, and annual update of the school. Board nominees include: Sioux Center Covenant CRC: Adam Fedders and Andy Landman; Sioux Center URC: Dan Byl and Frank Bulk; Orange City Immanuel CRC: Jamie Nibbelink and Chris Nonhof.

Minnikota Youth's 8th Annual Junior High (6th-8th graders) Retreat is Friday evening, April 20 through Sunday noon, April 22 at Inspiration Hills. The theme this year is "Transformed" from Romans 12:1-2. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 12. Register by calling or emailing Lee De Groot at (712) 470-4244 or mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com.

New Roots Ministry of Sioux Falls invites you to "My Neighbors—Immigrants & Refugees in the Region" on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Shalom Christian Reformed Church (4100 S. Southeastern Ave) in Sioux Falls. Hear life stories of a religiously and culturally diverse group of immigrants and refugees (African, Asian, Eastern European, Latin American) and enjoy an ethnic meal (some American food too). There is no cost to attend. For more information or questions, contact Pastor Fred Wilgenburg, Director of New Roots Ministry, by calling or texting (605) 376-6330 or by emailing sfnewroots@gmail.com.

"Good Battle" Israel Tours: There are still some \$2,500 discounted 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, or contact Cliff Graham at hello@cliffgraham.com, or check out his Facebook page at facebook.com/cliffgrahamauthor, or talk to Charlie or Nola or Amanda Van Driessen.

From Back to God Ministries International

Justice and Righteousness: It seems that on earth, justice cannot keep up with evil and corruption. Join Groundwork as we study Micah 6:8 and Romans 3:21-22 to see why righteousness is intricately connected to justice in God's eyes and learn what this means for how we live faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.