

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

May 6, 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: Classis Iakota Ministry Shares / Justice For All

Next Sunday's offerings: Building Fund / Sioux County Youth for Christ

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Myron & Nancy Gradert / Nursery next Sunday: Rob & Val Haverhals

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

Refreshments after morning worship next Sunday and visiting our shut-ins next week: Arlo & LaVonne Bonnema

Congregational Announcements

Beginning today, 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.

Everyone is invited to a bridal shower for Justine Van Sloten following morning worship today in the basement.

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.

Classis Iakota (*classis contracta*) is meeting Tuesday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Falls for the purpose of examining Candidate Sarah Hoogendoorn for the ministry of the Word. Pastor Cory, elder Rick DeBoom and deacon Val Haverhals will attend as our delegates.

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 by Friday, May 11.

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.

Severt and Christina Vander Esch's new address and phone is: 1126 Oak Hill Drive, Apt. 14, Hawarden, IA 51023 ~ (712) 551-1576. Please make these changes in your directory for future reference.

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 new and improved church website (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.

We are co-hosting and co-sponsoring the Hawarden Community Dinner along with Hawarden CRC on Tuesday, June 19 at the Hawarden Community Center and will need people to donate food and volunteer to serve. More details will be provided throughout May and into June. Val Haverhals is the contact person for this opportunity to love and serve our neighbors.

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 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 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

*For Jon and Lydia and Jenny and baby Korthuis on November 9

Other Announcements

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.

Auxiliary Meeting: This week that Ireton Christian School will be having their final Auxiliary Meeting on Monday, May 7 at 7:00.

Western Christian High School FFA invites you to their 3rd Annual Banquet on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Western Christian Event Center. For more information or to RSVP, call the school office at (712) 439-1013.

Unity Christian High School's FFA invites you to their open house on Friday, May 11 from 4-6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come walk through our greenhouses, pick up some plants to use in your garden (for a donation to the FFA program), and enjoy seeing the work of FFA students.

Stamp Out Hunger Drive: Please leave nonperishable donations by your mailbox Saturday May 12th or can be donated throughout the week by bringing in the Post Office or our local HyVee and Fareway. All donations will be distributed among our local food banks. The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the Nation's largest one day food drive

Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. Do you like singing hymns and enjoy ice cream? On Sunday, June 10th at 7pm at First Reformed church, Rock Valley. Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare invites you to a night of worship by singing hymns and opportunity to learn about our ministry for men being released from prison. An ice cream social will follow the hymn sing. For more Information mark.v@kingdomboundaries.org or call 712-470-6662.

“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, 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.

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