

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

May 13, 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: Building Fund / Sioux County Youth for Christ

Next Sunday's offerings: General Fund / Justice For All

Serving One Another

Nursery today: Rob & Val Haverhals / Nursery next Sunday: Derek & Kylie Koenen

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

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Congregational Announcements

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.

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.

Memorial Day weekend Sunday morning worship and fellowship, along with the Hawarden and Ireton CRC's, is May 27 at Oak Grove Park (weather permitting) at 10 a.m. Army Chaplain (Major) Peter Hofman will share God's Word and personal testimony and an offering will be received for the Hawarden Food Pantry. Bring lawn chairs and a hot or cold dish to share; pork burgers, tableware and drink will be provided. In case of rain, the service will be at the Hawarden Community Center.

The Vision Committee is planning a Heritage Sunday for June 10. Former members of our church are invited to join us for morning worship followed by an outdoor meal (weather permitting) at 11:30 a.m. You are asked to bring lawn chairs, 1-2 dozen cold sandwiches and a salad or dessert to share with our guests; tableware and drink will be provided. Invite your family and friends who are former members of our church to join us for this special day of worship, fellowship, reminiscing, and reconnecting!

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

*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, due in November

Other Announcements

“Good Battle” Israel Tours: There are still some 60% off a normal tour's price 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

The Fruit of Joy: In light of the sadness and tragedy in our world, being joyful can seem challenging, if not impossible. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 1:3-9 to discover where true joy is found and how Christians can experience this fruit of the Spirit in daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.