September 2, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a morning catechism service and an evening reading service

Next Week: We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service.

This week **Friday, September 7**, there is an open house for Rev. Witvoet and his family in the Rock Valley school beginning at 5:30 p.m. -All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund 2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mr. Norm Jongetjes who had knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home.
- -Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

From letter by Mary Winslow to her daughter

".....Oh, to look fully to Jesus, not with a half-heart, but to carry all our every varying care to Him, and plead the promise. Sure I am, if we walk in the precept, He will fulfil to us the promise. May He continually give us grace to do so. Oh, the luxury of living upon Him; to be constantly depending upon our covenant Father in Christ Jesus! But faith has, and must have, hard travail to bring forth, and to press through the crowd of difficulties and impossibilities that lie in the way to the kingdom of glory. Thus faith fights all the journey through, and upholds the poor, trembling believer; and not only so, but brings him off victorious at last. The life of faith in the soul of man is wonderful, and is, I believe, a wonder to the angels in heaven; and I am sure we are often a wonder to ourselves, - at least I am. Oh, what a God we have to do with! So full of love and compassion; and although He tries us, it is all in love to bring us to know Him more, that we might love Him better. Should we not give our undivided hearts to this gracious God and Father in Christ Jesus? The last chapter of the Gospel of John is so full, precious, and abounding in the love of the Triune-Jehovah, from the 14th to the 18th verse. Read it with prayer, and see how certain and secure is our salvation, what a firm foundation it rests

upon. What is the world, or the glory of a thousand such perishing worlds as this, when compared with the glory that shall be revealed in them that love His appearing?"

Lead Me To The Rock That is Higher Than I (Psalm 61:2)

Surrounded with clouds of distress, And tempted all hope to resign, I pant for the light of Thy face, That I in Thy beauty may shine.

Disheartened with waiting so long, I sink at Thy feet with my load. All plaintive I pour out my soul, And stretch forth my hands unto God.

Shine, Lord, and my terror shall cease, The blood of atonement apply, And lead me to Jesus for peace, The Rock that is higher than I.

Speak, Saviour, for sweet is Thy voice, Thy presence is fair to behold; I thirst for Thy Spirit, with cries, And groanings that cannot be told.

If sometimes I strive, as I mourn, My hold of Thy promise to keep, The billows more fiercely return, And plunge me again in the deep.

While harassed and cast down from Thy sight,
The tempter suggests with a roar;
"The Lord has forsaken you quite,
Thy God will be gracious no more."

Yet, Lord, if Thy love has designed, No covenant blessings for me, Ah! tell me, how is it I find, Some sweetness in waiting for Thee?

Almighty to rescue Thou art, Thy grace is immortal and free; Lord, succor and comfort my heart, And make me live wholly to Thee.

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"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17