

October 7, 2018

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: We hope to have a morning catechism service and a 2:30 p.m. service with Rev. Witvoet.

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

9th grade-adult: Mr. Craig Timmer

4th – 8th grade: Mr. Norm de Wit

K – 3rd: Mr. Dave Hoogendoorn

This Week **Thursday**, October 11, Study groups meet at 7:00 p.m.

Advance Notices:

October 30, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Witvoet - Reformation Day

November 11, 9:30 a.m. conf. of faith & 2:30 p.m. Rev. Vergunst

November 21, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams - Thanksgiving Eve

December 23, 9:30 and 2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet (*note change*)

December 24, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Adams - Christmas Eve.

-The Sioux Center congregation has invited Rev. Vergunst to speak at Terrace View Event Center, S. Center on a couple practical topics:

-Saturday, **November 10** 3 p.m. –an introduction to The Gift of Marriage (A Stronger Marriage)

-Monday, **November 12** 7 p.m. –on Modern Media Addictions (Pornography)

With the way our marriages are being attacked from every direction in our day we feel there is a great need for practical/Biblical instruction for our young people and married couples. We strongly feel these topics to be denominational concerns and hope many may attend and that the Lord will use these simple means for a blessing in our congregation also.

House Visitation schedules and **Living Bread** newsletters, and **Paul** magazines are in the racks.

-All the Lord Willing-

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

Directory Update: Vince & Lindsey Byers
4300 West 90th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

We Remember in Prayer:

-Rev. Vogelaar, whose surgery went well and was able to return home on Friday. The reports so far have been very favorable and there is much to be thankful for.

-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

“And he said, Who art Thou, Lord?” (Acts 9:5a).

On the way to Damascus, lay a man as an enemy of God upon the way to a never-ending eternity; the Lord had arrested him, stopped him and changed him. What he thought he knew before, he no longer knew. He thought he knew who the Lord was, and he believed the way to eternal life was by keeping the Law. Now that the Lord had arrested him, he had become blind, pertaining to all those former ways, and he stammered, *“Who art Thou, Lord?”*

What a wonder it is that the Lord has an answer for such a question, and the answer will reveal that the Lord is the same One whom Saul has fought against, *“breathing out threatenings and slaughter.”* When we think of Saul lying there, a sinner arrested by the Lord, it is perhaps the time to ask you, “Were you ever arrested by the Lord in this way?” It is possible to know as much as Saul did and not know who the Lord is in His arresting love. Will it be well for our soul, there must come a time, God's time, in our life that we as sinners are arrested.

Although we do not have the same calling as Saul had in his life, may we believe that our burdened, troubled heart is caused by God's alluring love? May we know amidst the heavy assaults we experience that we cannot miss the Lord anymore? Perhaps you say, “That is the question that lies awakened in my heart day and night; is it God's work, or is it but a morning cloud that will pass away and cause me to sink deeper into the abyss that I fear?” Let me ask you, then, “Is there sorrow in your heart? Do you lift up empty hands begging for mercy? Remember, ultimately, it is not *what I know*, but *what the Lord knows of me*.”

~Rev. J. den Hoed

Notes

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*I will praise the name of God with a
song, and will magnify him with
thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30*

Consistory

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Mr. Dave Hoogendoorn, Clerk

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.