# October 1, 2017

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **-Today:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service (#28).
- **-Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and an evening reading service.

**This Week Friday**, October 6, the NRC School in Rock Valley is hosting their annual Harvest Sale. Lunch and Bazaar start at 1:00 p.m., Soup Supper from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and the auction starts at 6:30

#### **Advance Notices:**

October 15, Student Witvoet at 2:30 p.m.

October 29, Rev. Vergunst at 2:30 p.m.

November 19, Student de Leeuw at 2:30 p.m.

November 22, Rev. Adams 7:00 p.m Thanksgiving Day

November 26, Student de Leeuw 9:30 a.m and 2:30 p.m.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund

Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> Benevolent Fund

There are new **Paul** magazines in the rack.

There is a **booklet** for the commemoration of the anniversary of Dordt in the back of church for each family.

# We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mr. Leonard Spaans, who hopes to commemorate his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 5. He also lost his brother, Cornie Spaans, this past Thursday at the age of 88.
- -Mrs. Hermina Hoogendoorn who meets with her doctor on Monday.
- -Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, thinking especially of Mr. Roberts, and Mr. & Mrs. Hoogendoorn.

-Our widow and widower, our elderly, and 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.

### **MEDITATION**

# "What man is he that feareth the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose." Psalm 25:12

In all the multiplicity and variety of circumstances that have distressed the children of God, has the Lord ever taken a wrong step? Though He has baffled nature, though He has disconcerted reason, though He has turned our plans upside down, though perhaps He has done the thing that we most feared, and thwarted every natural purpose and inclination of our heart - can we say that He has erred? That He has made a mistake? That He has acted unwisely? That He has not done that which is for our spiritual good? Murmuring, rebellious, unbelieving heart, hold thy peace! Shall man, foolish man, a worm of the earth, a creature of a day, lift up his puny voice and say, that God can mistake? Your path is very dark, very intricate, very perplexed; you cannot see the hand of God in the trial that is now resting upon you; you cannot believe that it will work together for your good. I admit it. I have felt it. I have known it. But the time will come, when this dark path in which you are now walking, shall be seen full of radiance and light, when you will prove the truth of these words, "He brought the blind by a way that they knew not." When we know God to be infinitely wise, that He cannot err, that all His dealings must be stamped with His own eternal wisdom, we are silenced, we hold our peace, we have nothing to say, we are where Aaron was. When Nadab and Abihu were smitten by the Lord, Aaron knew that God could not err; he held his peace (Leviticus 10:3). This is our right spot. If we know anything of the folly of the creature - if we know anything of the wisdom of God - this is our spot. When our dear Nadabs and Abihus are smitten before our face, our spot is to hold our peace, to put our mouth in the dust; for God is still accomplishing His object, in the face, and in spite of nature, sense, and reason.

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Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24:7