# May 20, 2018

# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and a 2:30 p.m. Pentecost service with Student de Leeuw. He is in Rock Valley this evening.

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

Advance Notices: June 3 - Student Witvoet 9:30 and 2:30

June 24 - Rev. Vogelaar 9:30 and 6:30

July 22 - Rev. Hofman 9:30 Communion, 2:30 Reflection

**Congregational meeting** on Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of calling a minister

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> NAGMission 2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

**Change of Address**: Mr. James Decker Bethany Meadows room 502, 3008 East Aspen Blvd, Brandon SD, 57005. His phone number is 605 582 3543.

There are new Paul magazines in the racks today.

# Collections Received in April:

General Fund \$2506.00 School Fund \$172.00 Living Bread \$370.00 Theological School \$373.00 NRC Book & Pub. \$266.00

#### We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mr. Decker who has moved to Bethany Meadows in Brandon.
- -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**

When the solemn truths of Scripture are declared with plain and direct application to the conscience, attended by the convincing Spirit

of God, the proud, stout, and hard heart begins to tremble and be disquieted: nor will the salvation and kingdom of "the Prince of peace," ever be welcome to those who never were "pricked to the heart," by humiliating convictions of sin, (generally accompanied with alarm also,) so as to be excited to earnest inquiries, "What shall we do?" But the most desperate enemies, when thus awakened, should be exhorted to repent, and believe in Jesus, and to prove and profess their faith, in the way prescribed by His holy word. Still repentance and remission of sins are preached to "the chief of sinners," in the Redeemer's Name: still the Holy Spirit seals the blessing on the believer's heart: still the encouraging "promises are to us, and to our children;" who possess manifold advantages and opportunities, through the faith and obedience of their parents: still the same blessings are sent to "all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." We should therefore embrace this salvation ourselves; and then, as we have opportunity, and as we are able, we should testify, warn, exhort, invite, and persuade sinners to save themselves from the perverse and crooked generation of those who reject the gospel. But if our teachers and rulers, or a large majority of our neighbours, nay, even if our nearest relatives refuse to go with us in the way to heaven, or would hinder us from going; we must stop our ears to their blandishments, persuasions, reproaches, and persecuting opposition, and escape for our lives from the ruin impending over them.~Th. Scott.

All Gods' children are criers: Cannot you be quiet unless you are filled with the milk of God's word? Cannot you be satisfied unless you have peace with God? Pray you consider it, and be serious with yourselves, if you have not these marks, you will fall short of the kingdom of God, you shall never have an interest there; there is no intruding, they will say, "Lord, Lord, open unto us;" and He will say, "I knew you not." No child of God, no heavenly inheritance. O do not flatter yourselves with a portion among the sons, unless you live like sons. When we see a king's son playing with a beggar, this is unbecoming; so if you be the King's children, live like the King's children; if you be risen with Christ, set your affections on things above, and not on things below; when you come together, talk of what your Father promised you, you should all love your Father's will, and be content and pleased with the exercises you meet with in the world; if you are the children of God, live together lovingly; if the world guarrel with you, it is no matter, but it is sad if you guarrel together; if this be among you, it is a sign of ill-breeding, it is according to no rules you have in the word of God. Dost thou see a soul that has the image of God in him? Love him, love him; say, "This man and I must go to heaven one day;" serve one another, do good for one another; if any wrong you, pray to God to right you and love the brotherhood. ~J. Bunyan

# NOTES

# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:2

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