

**November 26, 2017**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Today:** Student de Leeuw is in our midst 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. He is in Rock Valley this evening and Rev. Hofman in Sioux Center
- Is a **Prayer Day** for religious freedom for our school and churches in Canada who are affected by new laws that contradict the Bible
- This week Monday**, 7:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- Wednesday** Study Groups postponed to Dec. 13
- Thursday**, 7:00 p.m. A Parenting session on abuse by Rev. Vergunst in Sioux Center at the Terrace View Event Center
- Next Week:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service.
- Advance Notice:** December 24, Student de Leeuw 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> Banner of Truth                      2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

### **Congregational Meeting:**

Mr. Dan Breuer could not give himself for another term at this time so the vote for deacon will take place between  
    Mr. David Hoogendoorn and  
    Mr. Ryan Rozeboom  
A vote on a duo for minister between  
    Rev. Hakvoort of Norwich, Ontario and  
    Rev. Zippro of Groningen, the Netherlands.

New **Blue Sermon Books** and **Disaster Relief Reports** are available in the racks today.

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

- The family of Mrs. Hermina Hoogendoorn in their loss. The funeral was this past Tuesday.
- Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, thinking especially of Mr. & Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Hoogendoorn.
- Our widow 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**

*“Thou gavest also Thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.”*

*Nehemiah 9:20.*

When we are thoroughly emptied of ourselves when our knowledge is shown to be ignorance, our wisdom folly, our righteousness filthy rags, and our strength weakness, then we begin to long after the teachings of the blessed Spirit. We must be purged and tried before we can value and receive the treasures of grace. When we are well exercised and tried in our souls, then we begin to long after the teachings of the Holy Spirit, that He would shed abroad the love of God in our soul, visit and guide us, overshadow us with His holy presence, and drop into our hearts His secret unction. Before we are brought here, we know not the personality of the Holy Ghost. We have no evidence in our conscience that He is God; we cannot worship and adore Him as the Third Person in the blessed Godhead. But when we are brought to this spot, that we know nothing without His teaching, feel nothing without His giving, and are nothing without His making, this makes us pant and sigh after His teachings and leadings; and we are brought to wait in the posture of holy adoration and still quietness for the dew and unction of the Spirit to fall upon our conscience.

J.C. Philpot

Thou art, O God, our boast, the glory of our power;  
Thy sovereign grace is e'er our fortress and our tower.  
We lift our heads aloft, for God our shield is o'er us;  
Through Him, through Him alone, whose presence goes before us,  
We'll wear the victor's crown, no more by foes assaulted,  
We'll triumph through our King, by Israel's God exalted.

Psalter 422 vs 6

## FUNERAL SUMMARY OF THE LATE MRS. HERMINA HOOGENDOORN

Family and friends gathered in memory of the late Mrs. Hermina Hoogendoorn, who passed away from this life and entered into eternity on November 18, 2017, at the age of 88 years. Reverend E.C. Adams officiated the funeral service and opened with the singing of Psalter 281 followed by the reading of Matthew 5:1-20. Prayer was then offered, after which Reverend Adams addressed the mourning family, noting that this is the fourth time the angel of death had come in the congregation of Sioux Falls in the last two years and He has seen fit to take from the oldest ones. He reminded us that there is now a new name at the top of the list of who will be taken out of the family and congregation next. The Lord was acknowledged for giving Mr. and Mrs. Hoogendoorn more than 67 years together. It was stated that the Lord must sanctify this calling to the family and the church family. Reverend Adams spoke to her only son Dan noting how he had no other siblings to grieve with but he could do so with his father.

The text was from Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

### Righteousness

The three points were:

- 1) The necessity of this righteousness
- 2) The exercises of this righteousness
- 3) The foundation of this righteousness

The question was posed, "Where are we traveling to?" and we were pointed to God's Word, that we by nature do not possess the righteousness needed to stand before our Creator. If we search the Scriptures it will tell us of our natural state (Isaiah 64:6). We were pointed to the book of Genesis, to the second chapter, the seventeenth verse, "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." We were reminded that there is no longer salvation through the Covenant of Works, that God is just and must punish sin, and we cannot die with our debt if it shall be well for us. What a great difference lies between those who are blessed and those who are cursed!

At the cemetery, Reverend Adams read from II Corinthians 5. Words were then spoken to the family of the necessity to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ and that if any be found in Him he is a new creature. God reconciles sinners through His son. Family and friends were urged to make this their prayer. Reverend Adams closed with prayer

# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*"Trust ye in the LORD for ever:  
for in the LORD JEHOVAH is  
everlasting strength:"*

*Isaiah 26:4*

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