

July 2, 2017

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Today: We hope to have a morning catechism service (#18) and an evening reading service.

Our neighboring Lutheran church hopes to come down to meet us in context with their learning about the Reformation. They hope to come after their morning service at 11:00, if anyone is willing and able to stay after the service to greet them, please do!

-Next Week: We hope to have a morning catechism service and a **2:30 p.m.** service with Student de Leeuw.

Advance Notices:

July 16 Rev. Vergunst hopes to be in our midst at 2:30 p.m.

July 19 Ladies bridal and baby shower for Cole and Kianna Thompson. They are registered at Target.

July 23 Student Witvoet both services, one preparatory.

July 30 Rev. Hofman hopes to be in our midst 9:30 and 2:30 for Lord's Supper and reflection.

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

The following people have come before the consistory to join the church by making **confession of faith** on July 16. Any objections can be brought to the consistory. This is the first announcement.

Ryan Rozeboom,
Tara Thompson,
Nicholas de Wit, and
Jordan de Wit

-All the Lord willing-

Collections received in June:

General Fund	\$1601.00
Benevolent Fund	\$165.00
School Fund	\$196.00
NAGMission	\$826.00

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, 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.

MEDITATIONS

The bare knowledge of God's will is inefficacious, it doth not better the heart. Knowledge alone is like a winter sun, which hath no heat or influence; it doth not warm the affections, or purify the conscience. Judas was a great luminary, he knew God's will, but he was a traitor."
~Thomas Watson

Sin is naturally exceeding dear to us; to part with it is compared to plucking out our right eyes. Men may refrain from wonted ways of sin for a little while, and may deny their lusts in a partial degree, with less difficulty; but it is heart-rending work, finally to part with all sin, and to give our dearest lusts a bill of divorce, utterly to send them away. But this we must do, if we would follow those that are truly turning to God: yea, we must not only forsake sin, but must, in a sense, forsake all the world, Luke xiv.33 "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."
~Jonathan Edwards

[The godly man] is not content to go to heaven alone but wants to take others there. Spiders work only for themselves, but bees work for others. A godly man is both a diamond and a magnet – a diamond for the sparkling luster of grace and a magnet for his attractiveness. He is always drawing others to embrace piety.
~Thomas Watson

William Carey chides his countrymen for deciding it would be impossible for the Gospel to travel over great distances and to penetrate varied cultures when they are willing to face the same trials for the sake of commerce. ~a missionary

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Notes

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*O how love I thy law! it is my
meditation all the day.
Psalm 119:97*

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