

November 15, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service
Classes after the morning service.

Assignments are posted on the website.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service (Galatians series)
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service
Classes after the morning service.

Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., Bible Study Groups meet at Living Bread. *Assignments are posted on the website.*

Advance Notices:

- November 26, 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Reading Service
- Bible Study Groups will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month.
- We hope to have singalongs on the 2nd Friday evening of each month at 7:30 p.m. December 12 is the next date.
-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd School Fund 2nd NRC Book & Pub

Collections Received in September and October:

General Fund \$3477.00
School Fund \$654.00
Living Bread \$2039.00
Emeritus \$440.00
Israel Mission \$489.00

We Remember in Prayer:

- Our healthcare workers for strength during this busy time.
- Mrs. Jennie Johnson, who commemorated her 69th birthday yesterday, November 14.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

“Next to praying there is nothing so important in practical religion as Bible reading. By reading that book we may learn what to believe, what to be, and what to do; how to live with comfort, and how to die in peace.” ~J. C. Ryle

FAMILY IMPORTANCE

Since God almighty designed the family and gave inspired rules for family living then it has to be of primary importance. The family was a part of the creation mandate. The family was the first institution established by God on earth. The family is of vital importance to a God ordered life. Men have lived in families as long as men have been.

A family is a natural and simple society of certain persons, having mutual relation one to another, under the private government of one head or chief... Before the flood, the whole form of civil and ecclesiastical government was confined within the precincts of private families. A family is the epitome of a kingdom and a commonwealth in a little volume. The way to make godly parishes, and godly countries, and godly kingdoms, is to make godly families. When sin as a plague spreads abroad, it begins in families: one atheistic family defiles and destroys many, it sends a son into one house, a daughter into another, a servant into a third, and every one of them, like infectious persons poison those with who they converse: like a nest of foxes they destroy and devour all the country over. As one house on fire often burns down many; so, one profane family injures many: one godly family, on the contrary does good to man. As one hive of bees sends forth swarms and honey into many parts of the county; so, one religious family sending Christian children and servants abroad...may bring much honor to God, and be helpful to the eternal welfare of many souls.

Who could adequately estimate the importance of the family to human life? The family is where grace, mercy, love, protection, guidance, instruction, necessities and other benefits are first expressed and experienced. The family is where economics, business and work in general are first learned. The family is the school where the native language, the basics of life and most of all spiritual values are to be learned. The family is the church in miniature where worshipping God is first learned and where eternal verities are taught. The family is at times a welfare agency where fellow members are helped out in time of need. The family is a hospital where wounds, sickness and suffering are ministered under loving care. The family is a bank where the use of money is first learned. The family is the place where child care is first learned. The family is the first culture and place for sociological interaction. The family is a government where elementary law and respect for law is first learned. The family is the bastion of protection and security from the storms of life.

There is **no** substitute for the family! ~ Rev. William Jay

NOTES

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*O come, let us worship and bow
down: let us kneel before the LORD
our maker.
Psalm 95:6*

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