

January 29, 2023

MEDITATIONS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Communion and 6:30 p.m. Reflection Services with Rev. Slingerland. No classes.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

Advance Notice: February 12 Student Kleijer

Thursday: The Asaph Choir meets 7:30 p.m. at the NRC School.

Friday: Ladies Auxiliary Soup and Bake Sale 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the NRC school.

Consistory Meeting: February 6 at 10:00 a.m. Church visitation will be at 11:00 a.m. Anyone who would desire to be heard by the visiting classis representatives should let the consistory know by no later than February 3.

Young Adult Evening: There is a young adult game night planned for Friday, **February 17**, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym, D.V. Any post high school and young married adults are welcome to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to RSVP by February 15, please contact Case Vogelaar (712-360-2725) or Beth Kelderman (605-987-7881).

House Visitations: (1st 6:30 p.m., 2nd 8:00 p.m.)

Feb 6 1st Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Johnson, 2nd Mrs. Jennie Johnson

Feb 13 1st Mr. & Mrs. Gus de Wit, 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Van Beek

Feb 20 1st Mr. & Mrs. Jaycob Zdenek, 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson

Please contact Mr. Rozeboom as soon as possible if changes are needed.

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Prison Diary Ministry 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

-The family of Mrs. Nellie Rozeboom of Rock Valley, including Mr. Clarence Zomer, who passed away this past week Wednesday.

Divine ordinances are the means through which the Spirit of God works. God can use the one as well as the other for our souls' welfare. Let me give you but one example: When the sacrament of Holy Communion is administered in the proper manner, God's people (insofar as they receive the liberty to do so) come forward to the Table of the Covenant. It is true, there will always be some people who come forward for whom there is no regard or respect. This will always be so while the church is in this dispensation. However, not to mention these, here and there in the church one of God's people rises to take his place at this table. This depicts before our eyes the separation which shall one day take place when Christ shall come to separate the sheep from the goats in the day of judgment.

O, the short sermon that is preached before communion can make such deep and indelible impressions upon our hearts! God can use one word from the prayer of the minister or from a psalm which is sung. We need to have but one arrow from God's quiver to strike and wound our hearts, causing us as guilty and miserable ones to fall at the feet of God. And if communion would serve to make us acquainted with our state of separation from God and His people it could be a means to our conversion. Ruth also was privileged to see the blessedness of God's people while she was still in Moab and the Spirit of God wrought in her heart "a godly sorrow which worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." O, when Naomi in due time returns to Bethlehem she goes along with her, and when Orpah, at the boundary, decides to return to her country and her idols the young widow becomes established in her choice notwithstanding all that she lacked.

Children, boys and girls, O, do learn to appreciate the means of grace. When you take your seat in the House of God, pray a short prayer. Ask the Lord if He will convert you and bless His word and sacraments to your hearts. Don't be ashamed to do it. The Lord has said in His Word, "I will yet be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them." It will not be for the merit of our prayers. Indeed not. In the first place we must be mindful that the Lord Himself must teach us to pray by His Spirit, but also in the second place that God performs great wonders, when His people cry to Him in distress. Peter even counseled wicked Simon the sorcerer to pray, Acts 8:22 "and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."

Men and women, may it be that the weight of eternity be impressed upon your hearts, and the necessity of the renewing of them by the Spirit of God. May God yet bless the ministration of His

Word to your hearts, conducive to your genuine and eternal happiness.
~Rev. W. C. Lamain

Room for Me?

Pity a helpless sinner, Lord,
who would believe thy gracious word,
But own my heart, with shame and grief,
a sink of sin and unbelief.

Lord, in thy house I read there's room,
and venturing hard, behold I come;
But can there, tell me, can there be
amongst thy children room for me?

I eat the bread, and drink the wine;
But oh! My soul wants more than sign!
I faint unless I feed on thee,
and drink the blood as shed for me.

For sinners, Lord, thou cam'st to bleed;
and I'm a sinner vile indeed;
Lord, I believe, thy grace is free,
O magnify that grace in me.
~J. Hart

Words to ponder:

Much knowledge and no experience is the devil's delight.
~Rev. J van de Poel

Consistory

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*O give thanks unto the LORD, for he
is good: for his mercy endureth for
ever.*

Psal'm 107:1

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