# **September 24, 2023**

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service

6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD16Q44)

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service

6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD17)

**Wednesday:** Courtland, Ontario will be instituted as a new congregation. The service can be followed by livestream at www.nrcnorwich.ca.

#### **Advance Notice:**

- **-October 6** is the Harvest Sale at the NRC School in Rock Valley
- -October 8 catechism and adult classes will resume.
- -November 1, we hope to have a Reformation Day evening service with Rev. Slingerland

-All the Lord willing-

**Collections:** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> Emeritus Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> Prison Diary

#### **Collections Received in August:**

General Fund	\$1450.00
NAGMission	\$358.00
Disaster Relief	\$299.00
Hudson Taylor	\$289.00
Emeritus	\$486.00

### We Remember in Prayer:

-Our widows and lonely ones, the unborn, our married couples, prodigal sons and daughters, and all those with hidden crosses.

## **MEDITATIONS**

#### NO TIME FOR GOD

You've time to build houses, and in them to dwell, And time to do business — to buy and to sell; But none for repentance, or deep earnest prayer, To seek your salvation you've no time to spare.

You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun, For her glittering treasures how quickly you run;

But care not to seek the fair mansions above, The favor of God or the gift of his love.

You've time to take voyages over the sea, And time to take in the bright world's jubilee; But soon your high hopes will be lost in the gloom Of the cold river of death and the tomb.

You've time to resort to woods, mountains and glen, And time to gain knowledge from books and of men; Yet no time to search for the wisdom of God, But what of your soul when you're under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie; Staring death in the face you will take time to die! Then, what of the judgment? Pause, think, I implore! For time will be lost on eternity's shore. The Banner of Truth - Aug 1989

Fountain of mercy, God of love, How rich Thy bounties are; The rolling seasons, as they move, Proclaim Thy constant care.

**God's Provisions** 

When in the bosom of the earth
The sower hid the grain;
Thy goodness marked its secret birth,
And sent the early rain.

The spring's sweet influence, Lord, was Thine;
The plants in beauty grew;
Thou gav'st the summer sun to shine,
The mild refreshing dew.

Those various mercies from above Matured the swelling grain;
A kindly harvest crowns Thy love, And plenty fills the plain.

We own and bless Thy gracious sway; Thy hand all nature hails; Seedtime, nor harvest, night nor day, Summer nor winter fails. ~William Gadsby Thy promise, LORD, and thy command Have brought us here today; And now, we humbly waiting stand To hear what thou wilt say.

Meet us, we pray, with words of peace, And fill our hearts with love; That from our follies we may cease, And henceforth faithful prove. ~John Newton

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

We may gather from this passage a general teaching that evil prevails everywhere among mankind. One evil is that everyone sets himself above others. Another is that those who seem to excel in anything cannot tolerate inferiors to be equal with themselves. There is so much ill temper in almost all of us that individuals would gladly make churches for themselves, if they could, for they find it difficult to accommodate themselves to the ways and habits of others.

The rich envy one another, and hardly one in a hundred can be found among them who will allow the poor to be called brothers. Unless similarity of habits or some allurements or advantages draw us together, we find it very difficult to maintain continual concord among ourselves.

What we all need to hear, therefore, is the admonition to love and not to envy. We should not separate ourselves from those to whom God has joined us but embrace with brotherly kindness all who are united to us in faith. Surely it behooves us even more earnestly to cultivate unity, since the goal of the more eagerly watchful Satan is either to tear us by any means from the church or stealthily to seduce us from it.

The effect would be happy if no one were to please himself too much, we preserved the one object of mutually provoking one another to love, and we allowed no emulation among ourselves but that of doing good works.

~John Calvin

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Consistory meets the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

# NETHERLANDS REFORMED CONGREGATION

Sioux Falls, SD



Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

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