

March 19, 2023

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

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Passion Reading Service
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (dB #1)
Classes after the morning service

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Sioux Center midweek with Rev. Hofman.

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

Friday: The Youth Activity Committee for 10th grade and up, meets 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Pizza Ranch followed by trampoline park. Please contact Mrs. Jolene van Beek for details (712-473-4273).

Advance Notices:

-The next set of catechism sermons that will be read are the books by Rev. den Boer. We hope to have additional copies available.

-Classis Midwest is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, **March 28**, in Kalamazoo, MI. The Prayer Service with Rev. Hofman will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

-Our Good Friday service will be held on Thursday, **April 6**, with Rev. Slingerland.

-**April 16**, Rev. Adams hopes to be in our midst for both services.

-**April 23**, Student Kleijer hopes to be in our midst for both services.

-**April 30**, Rev. Vogelaar hopes to be in our midst in the evening.

-The ladies will have a baby shower for Mrs. Elisabeth Maassen on **May 3**, 7:00 p.m. at Split Rock Fire Station.

-All the Lord willing-

Collections: Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Disaster Relief 2nd Hudson Taylor

Collections Received in February:

General Fund	\$1768.00
School Fund	\$10,195.00
NAGMission	\$207.00
Alpha Center	\$634.00
Living Bread	\$818.00

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

The early and the latter rain, and the cheerful beams of the Sun of Righteousness, are surely promised to ripen your souls for glory;—but storms and frosts likewise are useful and seasonable in their places, though we perhaps may think we could do better without them.

In our bright and lively frames, we learn what God can do for us; in our dark and dull hours, we feel how little we can do without Him; and both are needful to perfect our experience and to establish our faith.

At one time we are enabled to rejoice in God; at another we are seeking after Him sorrowing: these different seasons are equally good in their turns, though not equally comfortable; and there is nothing we need fear but security, carelessness, and presumption.

To think ourselves rich and increased with goods, or to suppose we are safe a moment longer than while depending upon Jesus would be dangerous.

Let us pray the Lord to keep us from such a mistake; and, as to the rest, we shall do well.

Let us be faithful and diligent in the use of all appointed means, especially in secret exercises, and then leave Him to lead us as He pleaseth.

And, though our path should lie through the fire or through the water, we may trust His power and love to bring us safely through, and at last to fix us in a wealthy place, where our warfare and tears shall cease forever.”

~John Newton

‘They that pray in the family do well.
They that pray and read the Scriptures do better.
But they that pray, and read, and sing do best of all.’

~Matthew Henry

Our ground of glorying in God is that he is just. He tries the righteous as gold is tried in the furnace, but he punishes the wicked. The one is corrected, the other is destroyed. Both may suffer; but the one for his present and eternal good, the other as the prelude to everlasting ruin." "Cecil was pacing to and fro in the Botanic Garden at Oxford, when he observed a fine specimen of the pomegranate almost cut through the stem. On asking the gardener the reason, he got an answer which explained the wounds of his own bleeding spirit. 'Sir, this tree used to shoot so strong, that it bore nothing but leaves. I was, therefore, obliged to cut it in this manner, and when it was almost cut through, then it began to bear plenty of fruit.' Ye suffering members of Christ, be thankful for every sorrow which weakens a lust or strengthens a grace. Though it should be a cut to the heart, be thankful for every sin and idol shorn away. Be thankful for whatever makes your conscience more tender, your thoughts more spiritual, and your character more consistent. Be thankful that it was the pruning-knife and not the weeding-hook which you felt: for if you suffer in Christ, you suffer with him; and if with him you suffer, with him you shall also reign.

~Rev. I. Cobbin

God wants worshipers before workers; indeed the only acceptable workers are those who have learned to worship. – A. W. Tozer

I need to know more about how to worship and to praise my Father, for it's the essential task that connects my temporal life with my eternal one. – David Jeremiah

God is to be praised with the voice, and the heart should go therewith in holy exultation. – Charles H. Spurgeon

Have an eye to God in every word you sing. – John Wesley

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*From the rising of the sun unto the going
down of the same the LORD'S name is to
be praised.
Psalm 113:3*

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