

June 11, 2017

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-**Today:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service(#15)

-**Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and an evening reading service.

-This week **Wednesday**, June 14, study groups meet at 7:30 p.m.

**Advance Notice:** We hope to have our church picnic on June 30

**Offerings** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund      Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
                         2<sup>nd</sup> Benevolent Fund      2<sup>nd</sup> School Settlement  
                         -All the Lord willing-

Collections received in May:

General Fund	\$1397.00	School Fund	\$424.00
NRCEA	\$155.00	Benevolent	\$121.00

### We Remember in Prayer:

-The Curatorium which will be meeting on this week Wednesday, June 14. The prayer service will be Tuesday evening in Beckwith. May the Lord also remember the students in their exams and trial sermons

-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

### EVER LOOKING UNTO HIM

When I look round upon this miserable world, and see it so overflowing with sin and sorrow, God so provoked, His people so afflicted, wickedness so rampant, godliness so low, it gives room to some inquiring thoughts, "Lord, how long?" But I forbear expressing all that I think and feel, contenting myself with this, that the Judge of all the earth must do right, that He will avenge the cause of His elect, and that it shall be well with those who fear God. We read, I think, that there is a time when the mystery of God shall be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets. Then there will be a full clearing up of that great mystery, which now so sadly puzzles us, why things are as they are in this sin-disordered world, and all things will be made clear to the glory of

God, the praise of Jesus, the salvation of the saints, the destruction of sinners, and the confusion of Satan. Our present portion is to suffer with Christ that we may be also glorified together, believing that if we be dead with Him we shall also live with Him. Our wisdom and our mercy will be to be ever looking unto Him, hanging upon Him, and cleaving to Him with purpose of heart, fighting the good fight of faith – that fierce and daily battle which we have to carry on against sin and self, Satan and the world. I don't know any other way of getting on, or getting through our daily host of enemies without and within, but by believing in the Son of God, and looking to Him for the continual supplies of His grace; and this we are obliged to do, there being no other way open to us, and being shut out by law, conscience, guilt and fear, weakness, sinfulness, and helplessness from walking in any other path but where Jesus stands at the head of the way. It is like a person in a dark night on a lonely moor eyeing a light at a distance, on which he fixes his eyes, and to which he directs his steps. How graciously He says, "I am the Way; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." This seems sometimes our only direction like the light of a lighthouse across the sea to guide the ship unto the desired haven.

~J. C. Philpot

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### The Sabbath of Rest

How welcome to the saints, when pressed  
With six days' noise, and care, and toil,  
Is the returning day of rest,  
Which hides them from the world awhile!  
Now, from the throng withdrawn away,  
They seem to breathe a different air;  
Composed and softened by the day,  
All things another aspect wear.  
How happy if their lot is cast  
Where stately the gospel sounds!  
The word is honey to their taste,  
Renews their strength and heals their wounds.  
With joy they hasten to the place  
Where they their Saviour oft have met;  
And while they feast upon His grace,  
Their burdens and their griefs forget.  
This favoured lot, my friends, is ours;  
May we the privilege highly prize,  
And find these consecrated hours  
Sweet earnest of immortal joys. ~J. Newton

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# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Be of good courage, and he shall  
strengthen your heart, all ye that  
hope in the LORD.*

*Psalms 31:24*

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