

June 18, 2017

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today:** We hope to have a morning catechism service (#16) and an evening reading service.
- Next Week:** We hope to have a morning reading service and an evening catechism service.
- Tuesday, June 20:** Rev. Adams is in Rock Valley at 7:30 p.m.

Advance Notices:

June 28 Next study group evening.

June 30 We hope to have our church picnic in the evening.

July 16 Rev. Vergunst hopes to be in our midst at 2:30 p.m.

July 23 Student Witvoet both services for preparatory.

July 30 Rev. Hofman hopes to be in our midst 9:30 and 2:30 for Lord's Supper and reflection.

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
 2nd School Settlement 2nd School Fund
 -All the Lord willing-

We Remember in Prayer:

- Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Rozeboom and family as Mitzi's grandfather, Mr. Robert Mai, from Remsen, IA, passed away this past Wednesday at the age of 92. The funeral is tomorrow. May the Lord remember the mourning family.
- 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.

MEDITATION

What think ye of Christ?

What think you of Christ? is the test
To try both your state and your scheme;
You cannot be right in the rest,
Unless you think rightly of him.

As Jesus appears in your view,
As he is beloved or not;
So God is disposed to you,
And mercy or wrath are your lot.

Some take him a creature to be,
A man, or an angel at most;
Sure these have not feelings like me,
Nor know themselves wretched and lost:

So guilty, so helpless, am I,
I durst not confide in his blood,
Nor on his protection rely,
Unless I were sure he is God.

Some call him a Savior, in word,
But mix their own works with his plan;
And hope he his help will afford,
When they have done all that they can:

If doings prove rather too light
(A little, they own, they may fail)
They purpose to make up full weight,
By casting his name in the scale.

Some style him the pearl of great price,
And say he's the fountain of joys;
Yet feed upon folly and vice,
And cleave to the world and its toys:

Like Judas, the Savior they kiss,
And, while they salute him, betray;
Ah! what will profession like this
Avail in his terrible day?

If asked what of JESUS I think?
Though still my best thoughts are but poor;
I say, he's my meat and my drink,
My life, and my strength, and my store,

My Shepherd, my Husband, my Friend,
My Savior from sin and from thrall;
My hope from beginning to end,
My Portion, my LORD, and my All. ~John Newton

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CONGREGATIONS

This past week our Curatorium met once again in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The transitory nature of life was once again evident in the missing of both Rev. P. Bazen and Student G. Bron. May the Lord Himself remember all that mourn and give us to observe and take heed to His dealings among us. How necessary is the working of the Holy Spirit, as we have observed on the day of Pentecost, to grant heart-renewing grace in the midst of our congregations, not only for the benefit of each of us personally, but also that the offices in God's Church may be filled with men who truly fear the Lord. Does this need weigh upon our hearts?

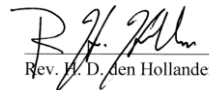
As none have appeared before us this year with an attest from their Consistory, the Curatorium had no opportunity to accept anyone to begin studies in our Theological School. Should not this fact also cause us to search ourselves, and drive us to the throne of grace?

On the other hand, we may be glad that the Lord has helped the students with their exams and trial sermons. The Curatorium was pleased to be able to make Student E. Maljaars a Candidate for Missionary minister. The Mission Board has requested our Chilliwack Congregation to be the calling church in order to send him to the mission field in Bolivia. His examination by Classis Farwest is scheduled for August 3rd, the Lord willing. Student J. Witvoet was promoted to his last year of studies and Student H. de Leeuw was promoted to his third year of studies, as well as given permission to speak an edifying word in the congregations. He hopes to serve the Sheboygan, Wisconsin congregation this coming Sunday.

It was very humbling to observe the generous support by the congregations for the costs incurred with the sickness of the late Student G. Bron. We extend our hearty thanks to you, but especially wish to acknowledge the Lord, Who has very evidently inclined the hearts and supplied all that was necessary.

May the Lord bind the needs of our students and instructors upon all of our hearts together. May He give us a place before Him, that we may supplicate both in our secret and public places of prayer for evidences of His favor in the years to come.

Sincerely,


Rev. H. D. den Hollander, Clerk

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*And it shall come to pass, that
whosoever shall call on the name
of the Lord shall be saved."*

Acts 2:21

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