

**October 15, 2023**

**This Week:** 9:30 a.m. Reading Service  
6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD19)  
Classes after the morning service. \* \*\*

*\*assignments can be found on the website*

*\*\*there will be a short intermission after the morning service  
before we start our opening for classes*

**Next Week:** 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD20)  
6:30 p.m. Reading Service  
Classes after the morning service.

**This Friday:** High School Youth Group activity at 6:30 p.m. at the  
Rock Valley Gun Club. Contact Mr. & Mrs. Mantel at (712)470-  
1311 for further details.

**Advance Notices:**

-Post-high school and young married adults organized activities  
evening being held on Friday, **October 27**, at 7:00 p.m. in the  
school gym. There will be snacks and refreshments provided.

-**November 1**, Rev. Slingerland hopes to serve us for a  
Reformation Day service at 7:00 p.m.

-**November 12**, Rev. Witvoet hopes to serve us at 2:30 p.m.

-**November 19**, Rev. Baan hopes to serve us at 2:30 p.m.

-Thursday, **November 23**, Rev. Baan hopes to serve us for a  
Thanksgiving service at 9:30 a.m. – *note change*.

-All the Lord willing-

**Collections:** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> Disaster Relief 2<sup>nd</sup> Alpha Center

**We Remember in Prayer:**

-All affected by war and families mourning the loss of loved ones.  
-Mrs. Darla de Wit, who commemorated her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on  
October 11.

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

**MEDITATIONS**

***Seedtime and Harvest***

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

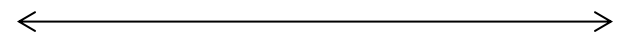
When in the bosom of the earth  
The sower hid the grain,  
Thy goodness marked its secret birth,  
And sent the early rain.

The spring's sweet influence was Thine,  
The plants in beauty grew;  
Thou gav'st refulgent suns to shine,  
And mild refreshing dew.

These various mercies from above,  
Matured the swelling grain,  
A yellow harvest crowns Thy love,  
And plenty fills the plain.

Seedtime and harvest, Lord, alone  
Thou dost on man bestow;  
Let him not then forget to own  
From whom his blessings flow!

~ Author Unknown (*Banner of Truth*, September 1993)



O friends, Zion is built even in troublous times. Daniel 9:25.

An aged venerable man said: "Whom the Lord desires to use  
for this building, will first have his hands and feet cut off, because  
those, who with Jeremiah, make Zion's calamities for their  
lamentations, are the distinguished heroes in the conflict, who strive  
by praying and weeping, and keep themselves steadfast with the  
pure Word of God and leave the rebuilding to the King of the Church,  
for He has said, 'I will lay thy stones with fair colours.'

As such they all become as dust and clay, taken from the earth,  
without the least suitability or ornament, made fit, cut and refined in  
the fire of affliction by the great Potter, to be laid in their intended  
place by the greater Solomon—the one more for strength, the other

for ornament, some in full view, others more hidden; the one close to the foundation, the other more distant, but together, they all are cemented fast in the cement of Jesus' blood, polished and ornamented with His Spirit into this glorious building." Isaiah 54.

All of them are living stones. 1 Peter 2:5. They have many different and wonderful names. As the builders rejected the foundation stone, so also would they disapprove of the stones who are described by Isaiah.  
~ Rev. E. Fransen



*And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

Ephesians 6:4

I must speak to those parents who have a sense of the worth of souls. I need say nothing to persuade you of the importance of this duty. I wish I was able to advise and assist in the discharge of it. It requires wisdom and steadiness. But be not discouraged. If any parent lacks wisdom for this service, let him ask of God and it shall be given.

Three or four things I may mention from the text. Instruct your children early in the principles of religion. For this purpose catechisms have their good use. But teaching children a form of words by rote is not the main thing. Endeavour to converse with them. Children have curiosity, which is as a handle by which they may be led. Endeavour to impress them with a sense of the goodness of God, their dependence upon him for life, health and protection—his governing providence and the authority of his blessed Word. Pray for them, pray with them and put them upon praying for themselves.

~John Newton

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Consistory

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

# NETHERLANDS REFORMED CONGREGATION

**Sioux Falls, SD**



*Let everything that hath breath praise  
the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*

*Psalm 150:6*

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