

August 1, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading Service. Scripture reading following morning service.

Our August **Bible Studies** will be on August 4 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Living Bread.

Our annual **church picnic** hopes to be held on August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Sertoma Park. We encourage all of our church family and regular attendees to come join us for a time of fellowship. Please bring a salad, side, dessert, or beverage to pass. We will not have a singalong that week.

Marriage: Jason William vandenBroek and Shelly Renae Hup hope to be united in marriage on August 6 at 10 a.m. in the Nobleford congregation.

-All the Lord willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund
 2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

We Remember in Prayer:

- Those who have been placed over us, in the keeping within the boundaries and limitations of their authority.
- The Church, for wisdom and discernment as more vaccination mandates are being issued and as restrictions once again become more common.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

The absence of doctrinal teaching and preaching is certainly one of the causes for the present lamentable ignorance in the Church. But a still more influential cause is found in the failure of the most important of all Christian educational institutions. The most important Christian Education institution is not the pulpit or the school, important as those institutions are; but it is the Christian family. And that institution has to a very large extent ceased to do

its work. Where did those of us who have reached middle life really get our knowledge of the Bible? I did not get my knowledge of the Bible from Sunday School or from any other school, but I got it on Sunday afternoons with my mother at home.

~John Gresham Machen

Young people, resolve to form your lives upon some certain principles, and to regulate your actions by fixed rules. It is important, therefore, that you begin early to consider and inquire what is the proper course of human conduct. The lack of such consideration is manifest in the conduct of multitudes. They are governed by the impulse of the moment, reckless of consequences. They have fixed no steady aim and have adopted no certain principles of action. In order to pursue a right path, you must know what it is, and how to acquire this knowledge. You must take time for serious reflection. Do not give yourselves up to be governed by fashion, or by the opinion of others. While you are young, avail yourselves of every opportunity of acquiring useful knowledge. The sources of information are many: the principle ones are books and living men. Touch not the book which exhibits sin in an alluring form. Cherish the desire of knowledge, and keep your mind open to instruction from every quarter. I would especially recommend self-knowledge. "Know thyself" was a precept held in high esteem by men of old. To this end the Christian Scriptures are most useful and necessary. The possession of this knowledge is made the object of fervent prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts...."

~Archibald Alexander

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. Proverbs 4:1-15

NOTES

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the
LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9*

All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

Consistory

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