

## November 5, 2023

**This Week:** 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service (LD22)  
 6:30 p.m. Reading Service  
 Classes after the morning service

**Next Week:** 9:30 a.m. Reading Service  
 2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet  
 NO Classes after the morning service

**Friday:** Youth activity for 10<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Escapades 3509 South Norton Ave., Sioux Falls. Eating at 7:00 at the escape rooms and escape rooms start at 8:00. Cost is \$25/person which includes supper and escape room.

### Advance Notices:

-The Siouxland Modern Media Committee would like to invite you to a Zoom workshop on Thursday, **November 16** at 7:30 pm covering the topic of Artificial Intelligence. Our workshop will feature WHAT AI is, WHO is using it and HOW, and WHAT your family should be aware of. We hope you'll make time to tune into this informative and applicable workshop!  
 Meeting ID: 822 3069 6041 Passcode: C25D62

**-November 19,** 2:30 p.m. service with Rev. Baan

**-November 23,** 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Baan

-All the Lord willing-

**Collections:** Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
 2<sup>nd</sup> NAGMission 2<sup>nd</sup> Emeritus Fund

### We Remember in Prayer:

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

## MEDITATIONS

"... so long as they are not seriously converted to God." Canons of Dort Head 1.16

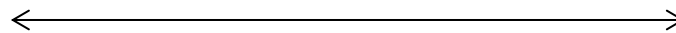
Are you converted? That is an important question, is it not? Young people, do not deceive yourselves. Maybe you say, "I do not live in sin." That is nice; however, sin does live in you. You too, stand

in need of conversion. Seek the Lord while He still may be found. Older people, do you gladly come to God's house, and do you like to hear a good sermon? Why, actually? Do you thirst after the Lord, or do you still secretly rest on your virtues? Do you say, "I have done everything I can; there is nothing else I can do?" Oh, then be assured that if you die today, you will perish eternally! Does this scare you? Do you break out in a cold sweat? That might be a sign that your conscience is still speaking.

The problem with many is that they are not frightened. There are people who fear, but who do not have to fear. There are also people who do not fear, and who actually should fear. Does this also apply to you? We do not say you are a reprobate, but a wonder of grace must happen. Oh, if you do not repent, nothing but darkness is awaiting you.

Come, the Lord still calls you, even though His wrath lies upon you. Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart! The Lord has not desired your woeful day. God's servants still press the message upon your heart. Wicked people can yet be saved. The hardest hearts can be broken by the Lord. Oh, fall at His feet as a condemned one, and beg Him for salvation. For, it is either one or the other: All they who wander far from Thee, Will perish in their misery. or: I'll trust Thee, Lord, through all my days, And publish all Thy works and ways.

~Rev. C. Sonneveld



What a balm for the sin-distressed conscience is the precious blood of Christ! There does not grow another tree in this universe that can heal the wounded conscience like this Tree of Life – a crucified Savior. There is no balm for a wounded conscience, but that which comes from the wounds of Christ. "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed." "He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted."

Oh, the beauty of a broken heart for sin, healed by the "precious blood of Christ." Who would not cry, "Lord, subdue, break my heart for sin. Let its grief be ever so deep and bitter, but may it be brought into contact with Thy most precious blood."

Remember, no tear can heal a wounded conscience, no confession can heal it, no minister can do it. Nothing can heal it, but the precious, atoning blood of Christ. That can heal it in a moment. This precious blood will give you liberty, this blood will give you peace, this precious blood will sign and seal you as one upon whom the "second death" shall have no power. Then will be fulfilled, as never before, the precious promise of God: "And when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

~Octavius Winslow

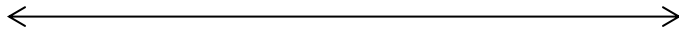
*Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*  
Ephesians 5:33

Peter expressly says that when a man is too harsh and rigorous to his wife, and the wife becomes so cross that he cannot cope with her nor is she willing to submit herself as she ought, then their prayers are hindered (1 Peter 3:7). It is as if the apostle says, "Wretched people, what are you thinking? Are you not very miserable in seeing that the gate is shut against you and you cannot invoke God? What will become of you when you cannot put yourselves in the hands of your God?"

God loves concord between husbands and wives and bids them come to him. When a husband behaves peaceably toward his wife, and the wife also does her duty, the Lord says, "If you call upon me, I will give ear to you as if you prayed out of one mouth." Seeing that our Lord calls us to him for our good and for our salvation, commanding us to call upon him with a pure heart, must we not be possessed by the devil and take leave of our senses if we do not accept such a profitable condition?

Therefore let us note that, if a husband intends to discharge his duty, and the wife similarly, both of them must have an eye to God, accepting their marriage as from him, and assuring themselves that they did not meet by chance but were joined together by the Lord. For it was God's intent that the husband should be a companion to his wife and receive her as part of himself, and that the wife yield the degree of honor to her husband that belongs to him.

~John Calvin



If there is any greater exercise of power than that which brought all things out of nothing, it is that which brings a clean thing out of an unclean, or makes a saint out of a sinner.

~William S. Plumer

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

# NETHERLANDS REFORMED CONGREGATION

**Sioux Falls, SD**



*Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done  
excellent things: this is known in all the  
earth.*

*Isaiah 12:5*

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