

**February 11, 2018**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**-Today:** We hope to have a morning catechism reading service and Student Witvoet at 2:30 p.m. He serves Sioux Center this evening. Classes following the morning service.\*

**~This Week:** Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Vegunst hopes to present a topic, "Purity and Safety" at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Van Beek for ages 14+

**-Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism reading service and Rev. Vergunst at 2:30 p.m. He serves Sioux Center in the evening. Classes following the morning service.\*

**-Advance Notice:** Rev. Brugge for midweek on April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

*\*Topics and catechism question numbers are listed on website.*

-All the Lord willing-

**Offerings Today:** 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund      Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup> Living Bread    2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

**School Notes:** No kindergarten Monday, Parent Day Friday.

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

- Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. & Mrs. Spaans commemorate their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Mr. & Mrs. Jongetjes in the loss of a sister-in-law, Audrey Jongetjes, 77, of Hull, IA.
- Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, thinking especially of Mr. & Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Hoogendoorn.
- Our widows and widowers, our elderly, 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**

Daily study and search the Scriptures. Be not strangers to your Bibles, but make the Word of God familiar to you. Was not this the very end and use for which it was written (Rom 15:4)? We are so affected by the writings of our friends, that if a letter come in when we are about to sit down, we will not taste anything till we have read it. And shall we be negligent to read the epistle of the great God? Oh, the transcendent excellency of Holy Scripture! Had I the tongue of angels, I could not sufficiently set out the excellency of it. It is meat to the

hungry, water to the thirsty, medicine to the diseased, milk to the weak, a lamp to them that wander, and wine to comfort the sorrowful soul. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Oh but the Word is a "lamp to our feet, and a light unto our paths." It is our pole-star to direct us and to show us how to steer our course. Here we are made acquainted with the mysteries of the Kingdom, and come to understand all the counsel of God. Here we are taught the fear of the Lord, and how our souls may be brought into a state of amity and friendship with God. Are we spiritually poor? The Word of God will enrich us. Are we defiled? It will beautify and purge us. Are we distempered? It will cure us. Are we cast down? It is a most sovereign cordial to revive a drooping and desponding spirit. In a word, it is the Book of God, and a blessing is pronounced to him that reads it, so as to understand and keep the things contained in it. Oh then, let us read the Scripture frequently, constantly, daily as the noble Bereans did. Yea, we must read them all the day of our life. But alas, few read the Scriptures constantly, and many read them not at all. They are no Bible Christians. God hath taken pains to write, but he will not take pains to read. Oh wat glorious hours, morning and evening, do many omit to spend in perusing the scared pages of God's Word!

~Andrew Gray

### **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 earnts of immortal joys.*

~John Newton

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*O send out thy light and thy truth:  
let them lead me; let them bring  
me unto thy holy hill, and to thy  
tabernacles. Psalm 43:3*

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