

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for COAH-Come Over and Help

05/06	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Pulpit Supply
05/10(Thurs)	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
05/13	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
05/20	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Synod Assessment

****Dear Congregation, we would like to thank you for your generous giving towards our NRCS commitment this past month. With two months to go on this year's schedule of giving, we are making good progress towards our goal. We pray the Lord would bless you and your alms.****

Lord's blessings, The Deacons

Nursery Schedule

				Alternate
05/06	a.m.	Karen Diehl	Hannah Diehl	Katelyn VanWingerden
	p.m.	Helen Rogers	Hadassah Laman	Sophia Prol
05/13	a.m.	Rebecca Laman	Selah Rogers	Carol Laman
	p.m.	Mary Rogers	Bethany Lewis	Mady Nieuwenhuis
05/20	a.m.	Nicolette Driesse	Selah Rogers	Kayt Naves
	p.m.	Lori Nieuwenhuis	Kacey Willekes	Katy Prol

Greeters

05/06	a.m.	Jeff Prol	p.m.	Daryl Rogers
05/10	Ascension Day Service		p.m.	John Touw
05/13	a.m.	Duane Rogers	p.m.	Paul Sullivan
05/20	a.m.	Don VanDeMoere	p,m,	Kevin Willekes

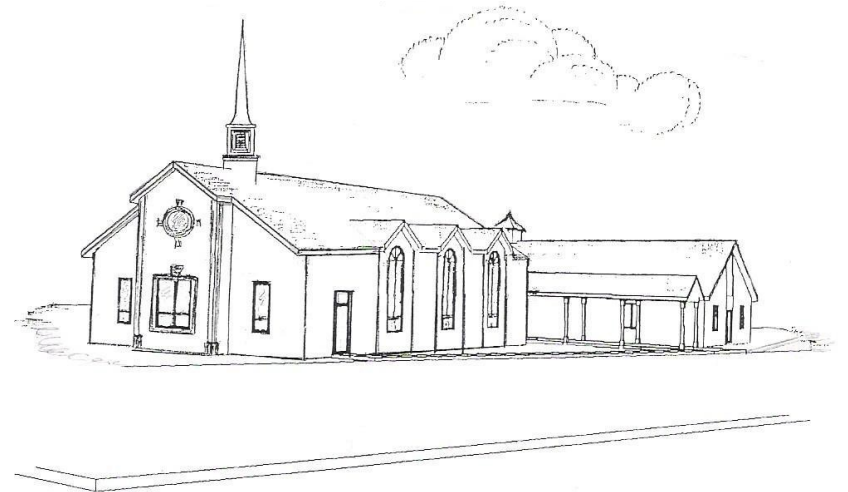
Calendar of Activities, D.V.

05/06	Sun	Bethel Ranch	2:30 p.m.-	JO, MVW
05/07	Mon	Consistory Meeting	8 p.m.	
05/09	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.	
05/10	Thurs	Ascension Day Service	7:45 p.m.	
05/11	Fri	Good Shepherd Mission	7 p.m.-	JT, JO/PWL
05/13	Sun	Public Confession of Faith		
05/13	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service		
05/17	Thurs	Ladies Society Meeting	7:45 p.m.	
05/18-5/21	Fri-Mon	YPS Annual Weekend		
05/20	Sun	Pentecost		
05/23	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.	

Please visit www.frcpp.org and look under the "Events" tab for additional Important missions, denomination, and congregational news and activities. Services via the Web: You can search for our church on SermonAudio.com or the church's website.

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*"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122: 1*

Rev. Jerrold H. Lewis, Pastor
LORD's Day Worship
9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

The LORD's Day

May 6, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Numbers 10:33-11:3**

Sermon: **"Taberah: A Complaining Spirit"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **1 Corinthians 11**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"As Often As Ye Eat & Drink"**

"But we preach Christ crucified..."

1 Corinthians 1:23

"And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp (Num. 10:33,34).

Dear congregation,
Verse 33 shows us that the ark of the covenant was not carried with the other sacred things, but went before it. We are told why *"To search out a resting-place for them."* Like a beacon of hope, it showed the way. Later in Joshua 3, when Israel finally reached Jordan, we read that the ark of the covenant went first into the waters, dividing them, while Israel passed over. What was the ark? It was the center of the holy of holies—the place where the tables of the covenant were kept. Of what, then, was the ark a type? Of Christ, in whom is established an everlasting union between God and man. Is there not something beautiful in the phrase, *"to search out a resting place for them?"* Every spot the ark rested, was only temporary. Sometimes only a few palm trees were their shade, and sometimes just the shadow of a rock for a night. Still, the ark, the symbol of the Divine presence, *"searched it out."* And are the footsteps of God's people left to wander alone now? No. Christ Jesus has gone before His people to prepare a rest for them in heaven, but He also goes before them now, to search out for them little resting-places on earth. Dear one, never forget that these earthly resting places are short. We are on a swift journey. Then again, remember if you are walking in humble submission, those resting-places, short as they may be, are chosen for you by Christ. Isaiah 58 promises *"The Lord shall guide thee continually"*, always, in all your steps both

small and great. The places to which He will lead you will often be the very last place you would have chosen. When this happens, let this thought quiet your heart, *"It is my Savior that has searched it out for me."*

Secondly, notice also what is said about the pillar of cloud. Not only did it go before them, but over. Verse 34 says it was *"upon them"*. It must have stretched backward, then, like a steam engine billow, over the whole nation. Why? Probably to hide them from the enemies sight from a distance. Psalm 105 says, *"He spread a cloud for a covering;"* and Paul says, (1 Cor. 10) *"All our fathers were under the cloud."* That cloud was a symbol of God's protective care.

Dear one, follow on in the Lord. He has promised to guide your every step, give your rest for the journey, cover you under His protecting wings (Psalm 91), and bring you safely home. He is going before you. What a blessing it is to see His faithfulness to such a stiffnecked people. Forward with the cloud! *"for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"*(Gal. 6:9).

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor

Announcements

Psalter memory work for Sunday School Classes **Grades 2-4** for next Lord's Day will be **Psalter 386 vs 1**. Parents, please review this work with your children.

Members of the **Evangelism Committee** will visit the **Bethel Ranch** this afternoon and **Good Shepherd Mission** on Friday. May the Lord bless these efforts to these men.

The **Consistory** will meet Monday evening at 8 p.m.

The **Women's Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.**

Ascension Day Service will be a held on Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

This past week **Christopher Diehl, Jessica Diehl, Jacob Lewis, Meghan Lewis, Benjamin Nieuwenhuis, Madyline Nieuwenhuis and Joanne Van Wingerden** were examined by the Consistory for the purpose of making confession of faith. With much thankfulness, the Consistory has accepted them. They will be making public confession of faith on the next Lord's Day, **May 13th**, D.V. May the Lord bless this step to each of you, that you may grow in grace and the knowledge of Him.

On Tuesday, May 8th, **Marie Driesse** will be remembering her birthday. May you truly taste and see the Lord's goodness in your life, trusting all to Him. **Psalm 34:8**.

House Visitation Schedule

Week of May 7 th	Dan P. Bivona
Week of May 14 th	Mike Driesse
Week of May 21 st	Daryl Rogers
Week of June 4 th	John Okken