

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for Local Missions/Bible Billboard Ministry.

09/23	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
09/30	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Seminary Fund
10/07	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Pulpit Supply
10/14	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS

Nursery Schedule

09/23	a.m.	Joanne VanWingerden	Katelyn VanWingerden
	p.m.	Jessica Sullivan	Olivia Nieuwenhuis
09/30	a.m.	Katy Prol	Beth Cooper
	p.m.	Rebecca Laman	Tirzah Laman
10/07	a.m.	Connie Prol	Bethany Lewis
	p.m.	Catherine Lewis	Julia Elshout

Alternate for September: Nicolette Driesse

Alternate for October: Genesis Spratt

Greeters

09/23	a.m.	Duane Rogers	p.m.	Ben Nieuwenhuis
09/30	a.m.	Don VanDeMoere, Jr	p.m.	Matt Van Wyck
10/07	a.m.	Kevin Willekes	p.m.	Dan F. Bivona
10/14	a.m.	Dan P. Bivona	p.m.	Chris Diehl

Calendar of Activities, D.V.

09/23	Sun	Atrium Ministry	2 p.m.- PWL, DWR, AC
09/23	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service	
09/26	Wed	Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.
10/03	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
10/03	Wed	Canons of Dordt Study	8 p.m.
10/04	Thurs	Market Street Mission	4:45 p.m.- MVW
10/06	Sat	YPS Church Picnic @ NRC School	

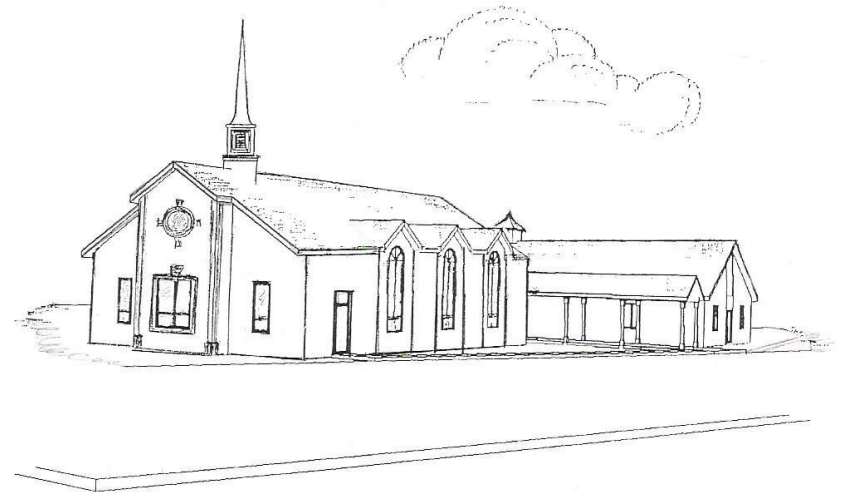
The YPS will be hosting the **Annual Church Picnic** on **Saturday October 6th** starting at 11:00am. This year it will be located on the NRCS school grounds. You'll find a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up here if you plan to attend and how many from your family. Please also sign up to make a salad or dessert.

House Visitation Schedule

Week of September 24 th	Lisa Giannone
Week of October 1 st	Donald VanDeMoere, Jr.
Week of October 8 th	Ruth Boer Cathy DeJong

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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
September 23, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Joshua 2**

Sermon: **"The Scarlet Thread"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 6**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"The 2nd Commandment: Natural & Spiritual"**

"But we preach Christ crucified..."

1 Corinthians 1:23

"And Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her." Ruth 1:14

Dear congregation,

It is a very difficult thing to give up the idols of the heart. Remember, whatever you love most, whatever stands between the Sun of Righteousness in your soul, that is your idol, that is your god.

With Lot's wife, it was the social life of Sodom...

With Balaam, it was Balak's treasures.

With the rich young ruler, it was his great possessions.

With Demas, it was his present evil world.

With you, it may be one of these, or something completely different. It may be a friend or a family member, business success, the comfort of your home, the praise of man, or one of the many pleasures the world offers.

But there is one idol greater than them all...the great idol self. This worlds idols have slain its thousands, self, its tens of thousands. Self-love, self-will, self-importance, self-righteousness. All these are deeply rooted and most difficult to cast down.

For us congregation, if any of these are first in our hearts, the day will likely come where we will renounce that Savior whom we profess to love. Sure, we might carry the name Christian to our dying day — yet not be Christ's. You have not chosen that good part which can never be taken from you. He has said, *"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."* Luke 14:33. That is unless Christ is first in your affections, and you are

willing to forsake all that comes into competition with Him — you cannot be a child of God.

These are hard facts to deal with. I feel it myself. Yet we must deal honestly with ourselves. It is a poor sign when we will not take stock of self, which is the idol "self-deception". Let us this Lord's Day plead that the Holy Spirit would send help to cast down all, and for Christ to be our all in all.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor

Announcements

John Touw has begun immunotherapy/chemotherapy this past week. We ask the Lord's blessing on this treatment and also that He would strengthen and comfort John and Barbara through these difficult times.

Memory work for Sunday School Classes **Sept 30th: Psalm 46 vs 2, Psalter 152 vs 2.**

Members of the **Evangelism Committee** will visit the **Atrium** this afternoon. May the Lord bless these efforts to all present.

The **Young People's Society** will meet this evening after the service.

The needs among our congregation are great. There will be **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 8 p.m. **Hebrews 4: 16.**

Confession of Faith classes this year will take place Friday evenings starting at 7 pm in the Pastor's study. Any who would like to take this class, please text 201-704-8372. Our first class will be (DV), September 28.

Aren Koeber will be deploying with his unit to the Middle East this week. We ask the Lord's watchful care over him and those serving with him. **Isaiah 26:3.**

On the next Lord's Day, **September 30th, Mrs. Mae Breeman** will be remembering her birthday. May the Lord grant you health, strength, but most of all His peace. **Numbers 6: 24-26.**

Dear congregation,

Your consistory was able to meet with **Don Rogers Sr.** at our August meeting to hear his repentance and sorrow of heart for the sin that brought about his excommunication. It is with joy that we announce that Mr. Rogers was welcomed back into fellowship with your consistory, and we look forward, the Lord willing, to his complete restoration to this congregation. To that end in accordance with our Form and Bylaws we make this announcement. This morning, the first part of the *Form for Readmitting Excommunicated Persons* will be read. The second part and readmittance will, the Lord willing, take place on **October 7, 2018.** Any lawful objections must be brought to your elders before the **6th.**

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