

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for Bonisa Mission in China.

10/07	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Pulpit Supply
10/14	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
10/21	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Synod Assessment
10.28	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS

Nursery Schedule

10/07	a.m.	Connie Prol	Bethany Lewis
	p.m.	Catherine Lewis	Julia Elshout
10/14	a.m.	Nicolette Driesse	Jessica Diehl
	p.m.	Meg Johnstone	Selah Rogers
10/21	a.m.	Lori Nieuwenhuis	Meghan Lewis
	p.m.	Karen Diehl	Hannah Diehl

Alternate for October: Genesis Spratt

Greeters

10/07	a.m.	Kevin Willekes	p.m.	Dan F. Bivona
10/14	a.m.	Dan P. Bivona	p.m.	Bill Devroe
10/21	a.m.	Chris Diehl	p.m.	David Elshout
10/28	a.m.	Garry Koeber	p.m.	Paul Laman

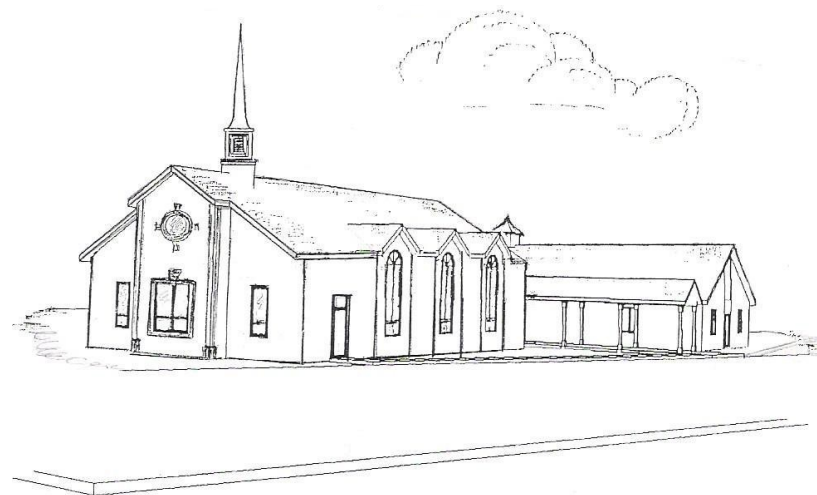
Calendar of Activities, D.V.

10/07	Sun	Bethel Ranch	2:30 p.m.-	KW, DJR
10/10	Wed	Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.	
10/11	Thurs	Ladies Society Meeting	7:45 p.m.	
10/14	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service		
10/15+	Mon +	Committee Meetings this week-Ontario		
10/17	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.	
10/22	Mon	Consistory Meeting	8 p.m.	
10/24	Wed	Canons of Dordt Study	8 p.m.	
10/28	Sun	Baptism		
10/28	Sun	Atrium Ministry	2 p.m.-	PS, MD, EVG
10/28	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service		
10/31	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.	
10/31	Wed	Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.	
11/01	Thurs	Market Street Mission	4:45 p.m.-	PWL
11/02	Fri	Girls Club Meeting	7 p.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
October 7, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **2 Corinthians 7**

Sermon: **"Godly Sorrow"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **Deuteronomy 5**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"Mercy to Thousands"**

"But we preach Christ crucified..."

1 Corinthians 1:23

"I have gone astray like a lost sheep." Psalm 119:176

Dear congregation,

Straying from the Lord wounds the conscience, bruises the soul, and breaks the bones of our strength. There is nothing so wounding as departure from God, and nothing so bruising to the soul as sin. Who can heal, who can bind up, who can mend these joints but our sin-pardoning God? We have no strength in this. All we can do is create more burdens, iron chains, and crosses. David admits, *"I have gone astray like a lost sheep."* This is all that he *could* do. But notice his conscious helplessness, *"seek thy servant"*. How many of us this morning see that this is a faithful portrait of self!?

"Gracious God, I leave Thy fold, I willfully depart from Thy ways, I turn my back upon Thee. Thou must go in search of me. Seek and restore my soul."

Dear one, He answers this cry. He will seek, and find His own. Always. Christ will bind up the brokenhearted, the Comforter will restore their joy, and the Father will welcome them home. The gate of paradise is still open with a thousand exceeding great and precious promises bannered it.

And what is the response of the returning heart? *"Behold, we come unto Thee; for Thou art the Lord our God."* Behold, we come! Just as we are. We

come from the swine's trough upon ashes and the wind. We come with all our bruises, wounds, and broken bones. We come hating our sin, confessing our rebellion, mourning our halting steps. We say, *"Receive us graciously, love us freely, and turn Thy anger away from us."* Can it be true, that after all that I have done, with my willful departure, my ingratitude, my abused mercies I may still come? Sinning against such mercy, goodness, faithfulness, and love, dost Thou still bid me return?" Yes. "Then I come unto Thee. Thy power draws, Thy goodness dissolves, Thy faithfulness binds up my broken heart. Thy grace restores, Thy love pardons, Thy blood heals my soul. Behold! I come. Thy feet unwearied have sought me. Thy voice, so strong, calls me; Thy hand, so gentle, leads me; Thy look, melting, so loving, wins me. Behold! I come unto Thee."

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor

Announcements

Memory work for Sunday School: **October 14th: Psalm 46 vs 4, Psalter 290 vs 4**

Members of the **Evangelism Committee** will visit **Bethel Ranch** this afternoon. We ask the Lord to bless these efforts to these men who are in great need.

There will be **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 8 p.m. once again to remember the needs of the many going through difficult times, along with the many other needs we have as a congregation and nation. **Romans 12:12**

The **Ladies' Society** meeting will be held on Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

On **Friday, October 12th**, **John Touw** hopes to remember his birthday. We wish you all the best, John, even at this difficult time in your life. May you wait upon the Lord and not be weary. **Isaiah 40: 31.**

Rev. Willem Klaver hopes to conduct the services for us on the next Lord's Day, D.V. **Pastor Lewis** will be serving the **Hamilton** congregation. May the Lord grant traveling mercies.

House Visitation Schedule

Week of October 8 th	Ruth Boer Cathy DeJong
Week of October 15 th	Dan F. Bivona
Week of October 22 nd	Kim Rullo
Week of October 29 th	Don VanDeMoere III