

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for Bonisa Mission in China.

10/21	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Synod Assessment
10/28	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
11/04	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Pulpit Supply
11/11	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS

Nursery Schedule

10/21	a.m.	Lori Nieuwenhuis	Meghan Lewis
	p.m.	Karen Diehl	Hannah Diehl
10/28	a.m.	Mary Rogers	Amber Willekes
	p.m.	Meg Johnstone	Kacey Willekes
11/04	a.m.	Joanne VanWingerden	Christiana Prol
	p.m.	Rebecca Laman	Tirzah Laman

Alternate for today: Wendy Rogers

Greeters

10/21	a.m.	Chris Diehl	p.m.	David Elshout
10/28	a.m.	Garry Koeber	p.m.	Paul Laman
11/04	a.m.	Phil Laman	p.m.	Jacob Lewis
11/11	a.m.	Jonathan Lewis	p.m.	Jeremy Naves

Calendar of Activities, D.V.

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.
11/04	Sun	Bethel Ranch	2:30 p.m.- PS, DWR
11/07	Wed	Canons of Dordt Study	8 p.m.
11/08	Thurs	Ladies Society Meeting	7:45 p.m.
11/09	Fri	Good Shepherd Mission	7 p.m.- ED, DPB/JRN
11/11	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service	
11/14	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
11/14	Wed	Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.
11/19	Mon	Annual Congregational Meeting for Male Members	8 p.m.

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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 21, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Joshua 6**

Sermon: **"Jericho Taken"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **Deuteronomy 5**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"Mercy to Lovers of God"**

"But we preach Christ crucified..."

1 Corinthians 1:23

I HAVE heard of your heaviness, and of the trials that press sore upon you. Your troubles also are many and great, yet not an ounce beyond the weight of Infinite Wisdom, nor beyond the measure of grace that He can bestow. Our blessed Lord never yet brake the back of His child, nor marred the work of His own hands.

Dear ones, Christ and His cross are not *separable* in this life; yet they will part at heaven's door. For there are no closets for crosses in heaven. One tear, one sigh, one sad heart, one fear, one loss, one thought of trouble cannot find lodging there. They are but the marks of our Lord Jesus here, in this wide-inn and stormy country, on this side of death. Sorrow and the saints are not married together. And if they were, heaven will make the divorce. For me, my Lord's sweet presence eats the bitterness out of all sorrow and suffering. His love has given my cup a pleasant taste.

I think it is a sweet thing that Christ says of my cross, "Half mine," and that He divides all sufferings with me and takes the larger share. Nay, that I, along with my cross, are wholly Christ's. My cross has become, as it were, all crystal. So that I can see through it, Christ's fair face *and* heaven.

Beloved, if we could choose our own cross, we would either *sue for freedom* from it, or have it honeyed and sugared with comforts. So the *sweet* should overmaster the bitter. But we have learned that Christ knows (best) how to

breed the sons of His house. Let us then give Him leave to take His own way of providence with us. And though it be rough and hard to endure, yet we will trust His all-seeing wisdom and loving kindness.

We would not go to heaven, but by *the way His people go*. And we know that the path of those who went before us was through fire and many afflictions. Nay, Christ Himself went in over the door-threshold of Paradise, bleeding to death. Heaven is but a company of noble venturers for Christ. They are not worthy of Him who will not take a blow for the Master's sake.

Brethren, I entertain no other thought *than that* you have learned to stoop. And that you have found that the *fruits* which grow upon that crab-tree of the cross, are just as sweet as sour to bear. Especially since Christ has borne the entire cross, while His saints bear but the fragments. Or as the apostle says, "*the remnants*" or "*leavings*" of the cross.

We know it is not the sunny side of Christ that we must look to here. No, we must not forsake Him because of that. We must set our faces against what may befall us, and follow on till He and we be through the briers and bushes, onto fair ground. His children will go both *wet-shod* and sure-footed to heaven.

And so I find Christ and His cross not so hard to take, nor as troublesome as some say. Nay, with patience, the cup of warm water which Christ gives me becomes wine. And His dry bread turns sweet and pleasant to the taste. Blessed are they who hold the crown upon *Christ's* Kingly head, and buy Christ's honor, with their own losses, and pains.

Samuel Rutherford

Announcements

Memory work for Sunday School: **October 28th: Psalm 46 vs 6, Psalter 71 vs 3**

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

On **Wednesday at 8 p.m.** we will continue our study of the **Canons of Dordt**.

On the next Lord's Day, the sacrament of **Baptism** will be administered, D.V.

House Visitation Schedule

Week of October 29th

Don & Jamie VanDeMoere III

Week of October 29th

Kim Rullo

Week of November 12th

William & Bette Devroe

The needs of our congregation at this time are overwhelming. In affliction, there is no discrimination, sparing no age, family, male or female. Let us make these concerns an ongoing matter of prayer and storm the Throne of Grace! *“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Gal. 6: 2.*

Let us seek not just for health and well-being, as Gurnall said, but that these afflictions may draw us all to Christ, for we all do have a never-dying soul. **Psalm 119: 71...2 Cor. 12: 7-10.**

New

Hadassah Laman was admitted to NY Presbyterian Hospital on Thursday. A biopsy has revealed rejection in her heart. She is receiving treatment to address this serious issue and the low magnesium levels in her body.

Nicole Van Wingerden will be having surgery on Tuesday to repair a badly fractured ankle. May the Lord grant wisdom and guide those that have the care of both of these young ladies and bless the treatment that they receive to restore them to health.

On-Going

John Touw and **Randy De Jong** continue to receive treatment for their cancers.

Laura Prol continues to experience pain in two areas of her spine. Further tests are needed to determine the best treatment to alleviate her pain.

Mr. Orië Kros, Mrs. Ruth Greendyk, Mrs. Doris Densel who are experiencing much weakness of body as old age continues its weakening effects on their bodies, along with all of the other shut-ins and elderly.

Teddy VanDeMoere must now have casts put on both feet and ankles, along with having the brace to strengthen and straighten his back.

Aren Koeber seeking safety for him and those with him while he is serving our country in the Middle East.

And all those whose afflictions are not known to the rest of us, but only to a few, including **our dear loved ones** and **friends** who are not a part of this congregation.

Deaths

Mr. Adrian Domine who worshipped with us in times past and whom we remembered in prayer of late has passed away this past Wednesday evening, October 17th. He will be buried on Tuesday, Oct 23rd. May the Lord be with those who were close to him.

We extend our condolences to **Rebecca** and **Phil Laman** and family with the death of her grandmother, **Mrs. Johanna VanGrouw** on Tuesday, October 16th. We pray for comfort, strength, but most of all His peace for the family in the days ahead.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks that the surgery on **John Brennan** and the heart procedure done on **Regina Densel** turned out well. The Lord give further healing, strength and add His blessing.