

February 28, 2016

Church Family

Order of Worship

Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 109
Reading of the Law
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 253:5-7
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 236
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 325
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 282:2-3

**Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

Doing God's Will in our Daily Work

Scripture: Genesis 1:26 to 2:15
Text: Romans 11:36
Lord's Day 49

Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 387:1-4
Psalter 417:1, 2
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM
Silent Prayer
Votum and Salutation*
Psalter* 403
Reading of Scripture
Psalter 318:3-5
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Psalter* 125:3-7
Sermon
Prayer
Psalter* 238
Benediction*
Doxology - Psalter* 51:1, 3

Sermon:

The Three R's

Scripture: Matthew 23:25-39
Text: John 1:10-13

Homebound:

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse
Mrs. Fran Hekman
Mrs. Dorothy Hitchcock
Mrs. Barb Kwekel
Mrs. Florence Langerak
Mrs. Esther Richards
Mr. Harm Slopsema
Mrs. Mina Van't Hof
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn
Mrs. Gertrude VanderGraaf
Mrs. Marian VerHage

Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema
Mr. Trent Timmer
Mr. Rick Vander Veen

Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family and Allan Murray

Mrs. Jo Markwat was scheduled to *return to her home* on Friday.

I would like to thank the church family for the many prayers, cards and other tokens of love shown to me during the time of my son Jack's passing. A special "thank you" to Pastor Lawrence Bilkes for his help at this difficult time.
Judy Kwekel

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Meditation

THE STING OF DEATH

We call upon the philosopher to reveal the mystery of death – We ask why the good man has such an ordeal to undergo? Why, like the angels, does he not flourish in perpetual vigor? And how shall we explain that universal allotment, with all its affecting accomplishments of remorse, and agony, and despair? Death, my friends, gives the lie so all such speculations of all moralists; but it only gives evidence and consistency to the statements of the Gospel.

The doctrines of the New Testament will bear to be confronted with the lessons of experience. They attempt no relaxment, and no palliation. They announce the truth in all its severity and they do not attempt to strew flowers around the sepulcher, or throw a deceitful perfume into the rottenness of the grave. Were a physician to take up my case, and speak lightly of my ailment, while he knew that a consuming disease was lurking and making progress within me, I should have no confidence in him or in his remedies. I should like him to see the malady in its full extent that the medicine applied may be such as to meet and to combat with it.

Now, Christ, the physician of souls, has taken up our disease in all its magnitude. There is no covering or concealment thrown over it. Their account of death accords with our experience of it. What they tell us of death is just what we feel it to be; not the thing of triumph, to those void of Christianity and beyond the circle of its influence, that nature says, but a thing of distress, and horror, and unnatural violence. He who is weak enough to be carried away by the false and flimsy representations of sentimentalists, must be led to believe that each man who dies is only sinking gradually to repose, or winging his way to an ethereal world. But the Bible talks to us of the sting, and terrors of death; and what we feel to be the shrinking of nature, proves that it has experience on its side. And those passages are particularly deserving our attention in which death is spoken of in its moral and spiritual bearings.

Death, as it appears to the eyes of senses, is but the extinction of the life that we now live in the world; but that death which is revealed to us in the Gospel is the effect and consequence of sin---sin is the root of the mischief which Scripture represents as stretching in magnitude and duration far beyond the ken of senses. If we had no other ken (knowledge) than the senses, we should conceive death to be utter annihilation. But distinct from the death of the body, there is what may be called the death of the soul, not a death which consists in the extinction of its consciousness, for the consciousness of guilt will keep by it forever, not a death which implies the cessation of feeling, for that feeling will continue to last.

T. Chalmers

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” *Jeremiah 29:13*

Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Murray will conduct our worship services.
- Today, Pastor Murray will preach a *preparatory message* for the observance of the Lord's Supper, scheduled for next Sunday morning. Those who are full members or associate members in our congregation may sit at the Lord's Table. Regular attenders who are not yet members or associate members, who wish to sit at the Lord's Table, are asked to meet briefly with the consistory either after the evening service today or before the morning service next Sunday. This is simply to ensure that those wishing to partake of the Lord's Supper are members in good standing in another recognized church. Regular attenders in our congregation who are not yet associate or full members, and who have met with the consistory within the past year with a view to sitting at the Lord's Table, do not need to meet with us again. Visitors from other congregations are requested to contact a Pastor or one of the elders and request permission to partake of the Lord's Supper. There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes on that morning.
- Next Sunday, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners - 7th Grade) Psalter of the month is #370. Please review with your children. Next month is #160.
- The spring *Confession of Faith* class will start today at 4 PM in the library upstairs.
- There will be a *Prayer Day service*, Wednesday, March 9, 7:15 PM.
- We are thankful to God for the *work team* of 27 volunteers going on a mission trip to *Guatemala* to work in Verbena & Cubulco. The Lord willing, 14 team members, including 3 young people, are leaving Monday, February 29 and 13 young people from various churches will be leaving on Friday, March 4. Three of the work team members from the first group will return on March 7 with the remainder planning to return on Friday, March 11. We covet your prayers for traveling mercies and safety in Guatemala and that we may be a witness to the people there.

Nursery		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Janna Birn	Melanie Vander Boon
	Cora Beute	Emma Vander Boon
Evening	Renee Langerak	Amanda Venlet
	Julie Spaans	Josephine Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Jeanette DeBlaay	Julie Timmer
	Min Yyoung Kim	Lauren Bilkes
Evening	Briana Boot	Kathy Pols
	Cassandra Naulty	Joni Murray
<i>Prayer Day</i>	Jen Pennings, Aileen Rittner, Trienna Moerdyk	
February	Mother in Charge	Courtney Prince

Ushers		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Mark Arnoudse	Henry Boven
Next Week	Henk Kleyn	Bill Moerdyk

Offerings			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Christian Ministry to Israel (CMI)
Next Week	General Fund	Building Fund	Guatemala Mission
Prayer Day		Omega House	

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