



GEMS GIRLS' CLUBS  
**LOVED. PERIOD.**  
That is what we are!



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

March 15, 2020

Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

## GEMS Sunday

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

\*The Lord's Greeting

**\*No Other Name**

**\*No Longer Slaves**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

GEMS Litany

GEMS Ministry of Music

*Beloved*

*I Give You Love*

*Yes, Jesus Loves Me*

GEMS Video

Children's Message

Prayer

Scripture: **Isaiah 5:1-7** – page 1066

**Mark 12:1-12** - page 1518

Message: **“The Parable of the Wicked Tenants”**

Prayer of Application

**\*Cornerstone**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Sanctuary**—GEMS 1<sup>st</sup> time, Congregation joins 2<sup>nd</sup> time

\*Postlude

Offering: GEMS International

\* Invites those who are able to stand

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

Signing – Jamie Hop

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

**Deacons' Offering Report:** Loose money in today's offering is for GEMS International. Next week's offering is for Multiplication Network. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$5,957.

# Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

## Communion

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

\*The Lord's Greeting

**\*Near the Cross**

**\*At the Cross**

Prayer

Scripture: **1 John 5:5-12** – page 1903

Message: **“Water and Blood”**

Prayer of Application

**\*How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

Communion

**\*Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology**

\*Postlude

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Pastor Darren Kornelis

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

**Little Lambs** meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—Zaccheus; Leaders—Kim Walters, Lisa Kragt and Dana Hondred.

**Catechism:** The 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will meet in En Gedi. *The High School class will meet in the Choir Room.*

**Sunday School** meets in the All-Purpose Room.

**Nursery Attendants:** THANK YOU!

### **Today:**

AM Shane & Rachel Plaggemars, Kathie & Claire Helder

PM Emily Kornelis & Jessica Schutter

### **Next Week:**

AM Greg & Jen Leenstra, Jim & Dana Hondred

PM Kris Roelofs & Linda Timmer

## WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Monday	6:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ladies Craft Day
	6:30 PM	Pickleball
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	6:15 PM	Nursery
	6:15 PM	GEMS
	6:15 PM	Cadets
	6:30 PM	Young Children's Activities
	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Friday	6:40 PM	Speaker
	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	9:00 AM	Moms Group
Saturday	9:30 AM	Pickleball
	6:30 PM	GotGame#3060

## NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER AND DEACON

The following people have been nominated by Council for the office of Elder and Deacon for three-year terms beginning in April 19, 2020. For Elder: Peter Elzinga, Brad Heeres, Phil Helder, Ron Dalman, Greg Leenstra, and Wayne Tjarks. For Deacon: Scott Helder, Jim Hondred, Kevin Schut, and Bryan Van Dyke.

The following are those who will be retiring from office. Elder: Carl Helder, Steve Slenk, and Roger Sneller. Deacon: John Timmer and Scott Van Dyke.

Ballots for confirming the nominees have been placed in the mailboxes of all professing Niekerk members. If you are short any ballots, let any Elder or Deacon know, and they will make sure you get one. The Council is asking that you confirm all nominees you believe are qualified to serve in the office noted. Deposit your ballot in the box at the Information Center TODAY. All those receiving a majority of votes cast will be confirmed to have their names submitted for a drawing of lots after the Sunday morning worship service on March 22. Three names for Elder and two names for Deacon will be drawn.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Happy Birthday to **Dort Deters!** She will be 89 years old on Tuesday. Her favorite verse is, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

**Bob Eisen** is doing well. He hopes to transfer to Blodgett Hospital very soon.

Happy Birthday to **Don Janssen!** He will be 92 years old on Friday. His favorite verse is, "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5

Happy Birthday to **Vern Klingenberg!** He will be 80 years old on Tuesday. His favorite verse is, "For I know the plans I have for you," declared the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Youth Group this Wednesday night:** End of Year Youth Group Party for all 7th - 12th graders. Check your email for more information!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Coronavirus Precautions.** In response to the known Coronavirus methods of spreading, the Niekerk Executive Committee has approved implementation of a number of precautionary changes during our Sunday worship time. Please refer to the handout provided this morning when you arrived at church for additional details. This document was also emailed earlier this week. Information is changing daily, and we will continue to implement additional actions as appropriate. Please continue to include this matter in your daily prayers.

**Mexico Mission Trip Meeting TODAY** in the sanctuary at 11:00am. This meeting will be identical to the first meeting. It is an informational meeting for those who were unable to attend the meeting in January. A follow up meeting will take place March 22 in the sanctuary at 11:00am for those seriously considering taking part in the trip in order to gauge the amount of people hoping to serve in Mexico this November. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are planning on serving, please email Pastor Jason.

**Sanctuary upgrades.** We recently completed the installation of an upgraded sound system and new lighting in the sanctuary. Operation of the new sound components has required some additional training and it will take some time to get the sound levels for the sanctuary, live stream, and hearing loop system totally adjusted. We are aware of some concerns with sound levels either too loud or soft at times and are working to correct these conditions.

**Niekerk News Reminder.** It's that time again to gather information for the April newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next Sunday, March 22. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org). Thank you!

**Attention 30-60 Year Olds!** Join us for our next GotGame#3060 night on Saturday, March 21, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Center. Bring your favorite board or card game. We'll have cornhole and pickleball as well! Please take a munchie to share. Drinks will be provided. Please sign up at the Information Center.

**Attention Seniors!** Have you heard about pickleball? Been curious and want to learn to play or understand the game better? Tuesday, March 24, at 10:00 am we'll have a group teaching you basics and strategies of how to play! Join us!

**Church Potluck!** Sign up at the Information Center if you wish to attend to the potluck on Sunday, March 29.

**A New Way to Order Easter Flowers!** The new sign-up sheet has the names written for you! At the Information Center find your name in yellow, add or subtract names, put your money in an envelope with your name on it and mark that you paid, then write how many flowers you would like. Further instructions can be found at the Information Center. *Contact Julie Mulder with any questions.* This year lilies and tulips will be the available choices. Each plant will cost **\$7.50**. The flowers may be taken home after the evening service on Easter Sunday. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22.

**Holland Rescue Mission Spring Garden Luncheon/Auction** will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at the Baker Lofts from 11am to 1pm. The cost is \$35. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and Marcy Brower will be hosting a table (or two). If you are interested in attending, contact Marcy before April 12 in order to register. It would be so nice to see a big turnout from Niekerk!

**Hand2Hand Ministries** is collecting peanut butter (15-16oz size, no larger, no glass or expired items) and no-sugar-added fruit cups.

**Mark your calendars.** Special Ed Ministry of Zeeland will be having its year-end worship service on Sunday evening, March 22, at 5:00pm at First Reformed Church. We would like to invite you all! Come to worship through music, prayer, SEM choir, Pastor Josh Wall speaking and celebrating communion together. This will be an amazing evening of celebration of God's family!

**Spartan Nash—Direct Your Dollars.** Once again GOD has truly blessed us with a large amount of grocery sales slips. For the month of February, you have supported us with \$1,022 and helped us reach another 150K in sales. Now we will receive another \$1,000 check. In 19 months, we have collected another 1M dollars in sales slips. This makes a total of 2M dollars that has been turned in since we started in 2016. Thank you again for your support in feeding the hungry people through our local agencies and around the world through Church World Service and Holland/Zeeland CROP Hunger Walk.

**Lou Wagenveld** is in El Salvador for two weekends. He asks for prayer for his visits to the two El Salvador CRCs and meetings with the leaders of the Word and Deed Project. Also, for his return trip on the 17th. See [www.ElSalvadorProject.org](http://www.ElSalvadorProject.org) for more information.

**Prayer Requests and Health Concerns and Updates.** Contact your District Elder or Pastor Darren (559-909-2939) with any requests or updates.

**Dates for Your Calendar:**

- March 22 Drawing for New Elders & Deacons
- March 23 Moms Group
- March 29 Church Potluck
- April 3 Moms Group
- April 5 Palm Sunday
- Sunday Evening Bible Study
- April 6 Council Meeting
- April 8 Senior (65+) Singles
- April 10 Good Friday Service
- April 11 Men's Lenten Breakfast
- April 12 Easter

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