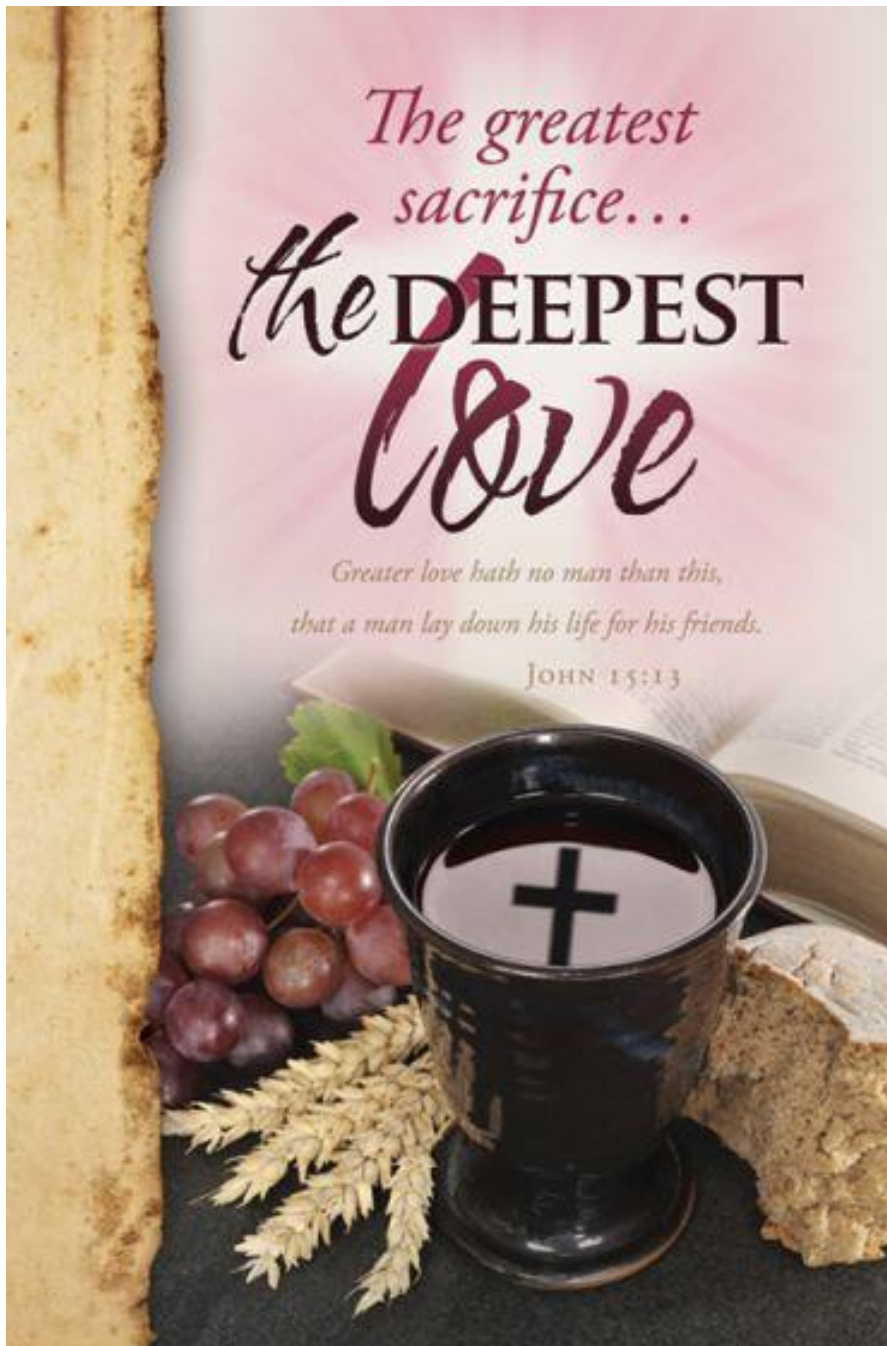


*The greatest  
sacrifice...*  
**the DEEPEST**  
*Love*

*Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

JOHN 15:13



# NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

July 26, 2020

Morning Worship Service 9:30am

## Communion

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***\*By Faith***

Prayer

***\*Draw Me Close***

Children's Message

Scripture: Exodus 20:15

Sermon: **Thou Shall Not Steal**

Prayer of Application

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

Communion

\*God's Blessing

***\*There Is a Redeemer***

Postlude

Offering: Hand2Hand Ministries

Pastor Jason Pierce

Organist: Karen Lucas

Pianist: Laura Elzinga

## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

**We will be celebrating communion** this morning. Please take a communion packet as you enter the sanctuary, as we will not be passing the elements due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

**Live Stream.** The morning and evening services will be live at 9:30am and 6:00pm on the website [www.niekerkcrc.org](http://www.niekerkcrc.org) under sermons. The services will also be uploaded immediately following the live stream to watch it later in the day.

## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE – 6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***\*Here I Am to Worship***

Prayer

***\*Knowing You***

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

Sermon: **Wisdom Is Meaningless**

Prayer of Application

***\*In Christ Alone***

\*God's Blessing

***\*I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

Postlude

Offering: Hand2Hand Ministries

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Laura Elzinga

### **Nursery Attendants:**

This week: Kristen Sybesma, Sara & Maria Heeres.

Next week: Dawn Folkert, Melanie Russcher & Deb Slenk.

**Thank you!** to everyone who has volunteered to help in the nursery.

Remember to find your own replacement if you are unable to help, but contact the Nursery Committee if you are having a difficult time.

**Last week's envelope collections totaled \$11,857.** This amount includes electronic giving.

### **Offering Schedule for August:**

August 2 Aaron Green

August 9 Bravo CRC

August 16 Heights of Hope

August 23 Niekerk Christian Education Fund

August 30 Building Men for Life

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

The schedule for attendance by district for the next two weeks is shown below.

### Schedule

Districts #1, #3, #5, #7	July 26 Morning Service
All Districts	July 26 Evening Service
Districts #2, #4, #6, #8	August 2 Morning Service
All Districts	August 2 Evening Service

### Elder and Deacon Districts

#1	A-Bowman	Doug Wedeven / Scott Sybesma
#2	Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk / Kevin Schut
#3	Haan-Janssen	Paul Bulthuis / Joel Kryger
#4	Jones-Leep	John Janssen / Mike Schierbeek
#5	Louwerse-Plaggemars	Ron Dalman / Dean Koopman
#6	Prince - Shoemaker	Greg Leenstra / Bryan Van Dyke
#7	Slenk-Tjarks	Mark Hop / Shane Plaggemars
#8	Tucker-Zeerip	Brad Heeres / Joe Texer

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer both **Sherwin and Dorene Terpstra** as Dorene has been placed in hospice care.

We want to lift up **Devon Scott's family** in prayer as their daughter has tested positive for COVID-19 again. We pray for her healing and that no one else in their family gets infected. We will continue to provide updates on their daughter and their family as we know more. **Devon Scott** has tested negative for COVID-19, meaning he was not infected when he preached at Niekerk Sunday evening.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion Today.** The elements will be pre-packaged and distributed upon entering the sanctuary. The Council understands that there are still several members who do not yet feel comfortable coming to church. For those who stay home and watch on the live stream, we welcome you to participate at home with the elements that you have on hand, just as we did back in May.

**Red Cross Blood Drive this Wednesday!** Make an appointment today for the Niekerk Blood Drive at 1-800-733-2767 or online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

**August Book Club:** *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz. Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... This is a great book for those middle school age all the way to the elderly.

**Preaching Schedule Change.** With only half the congregation coming one week at a time in the morning, Pastor Darren and Pastor Jason will now be preaching every two weeks in the morning and evening as opposed to every other week.

**Picture Directory—We need your help!** Our goal was to update all of the pictures in the church directory this spring. Since church has been closed, we have not been able to do that and we are asking for your help. Here is your chance to add a personal touch to your family picture. Submit a recent picture or take a picture of your family at a favorite spot: at the beach, at the park, in your yard or home. Email or mail or put in the kitchen mail slot a copy of the picture to Julie Mulder at [secretary@niekerkcrc.org](mailto:secretary@niekerkcrc.org).

**Returnable 10¢ cans and bottles for the Youth Group.** If you are looking to get rid of all the returnables you have accumulated over quarantine, please drop them off in a plastic/paper garbage bag any time by the large storage building (garage). The Youth Group will return these when they are able and use the money collected for special outings/events.

**Heights of Hope 5k/1.5 Mile Fun Run—Saturday, August 22.**

Is the 5k happening this summer? Of course! How could we miss this 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Celebration? We've adjusted our plans this summer to keep everyone safe and healthy, but what we lack in large crowds, we'll make up for in energy, encouragement, great food, so many raffle prizes, and a SPECIAL 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE for all participants! Participants can run it virtually or at a set time during the day. More information and registration is online at [heightsofhope.org](http://heightsofhope.org).

**Church Assistance Program**—Helping a loved one fight addiction. These past few months of sheltering in place may have caused your loved one to experience a relapse in their recovery. Some signs of relapse include talking to past friends who still use, constant lying, bottling up emotion, and skipping or avoiding meetings. If you are worried about a loved one's substance use but not sure how to approach them about it, turn to our CAP program, which provides free and confidential help. Just call 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 and identify yourself as an CAP client.

**Attention All Sportsmen:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting the sixth annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the 2021 International Camporee in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The event will be held on Saturday, August 22, at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland. For more information, see the August Niekerk News or call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 4 or check out the Cadet website under the "events" tab. Everyone is welcome! You can register at the website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org)<<http://www.calvinistcadets.org/>>.

**Dates for Your Calendar:**

- August 3 Council Meeting
- August 12 Senior (65+) Singles
- August 17 Executive Committee Meeting

**Elder and Deacon Districts:**

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Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Bob Steenwyk	Kevin Schut
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***\*\*All services are streamed live\*\****

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