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2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

LET THE LOVE OF CHRIST MOTIVATE YOU.

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church

Growing in Christ & Making Him Known

September 14, 2025

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

****Come Thou Fount/Above All Else***

****O Praise the Name***

Children's Message

~ Little Lambs is dismissed~

The Apostle's Creed

Prayer

Offering: Niekerk Christian Education Fund

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****The Goodness of Jesus***

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2 – page 1797

Message: **Compelled by Christ's Love**

Prayer of Application

****I Speak Jesus***

*God's Blessing

****Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

Postlude

Pastor John Nyitray

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*Stand as you are able

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Live Stream and In-Person Worship. The morning and evening services will be live and in person at 9:30am and 5pm. The live stream can be found on the website www.niekerkcrc.org under sermons. The services will be uploaded immediately following the live stream.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—5:00pm

Prelude

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***Ancient of Days**

***Hoy God, We Praise Your Name**

Confession of Faith

Prayer

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***Good Soil**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1-8 – page 321

Message: **Lessons from Leadership Transitions:
Moses to Joshua**

Prayer

***Psalm 27**

*God's Blessing

***Bless His Holy Name**

Postlude

Pastor Dan Roeda

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

*Stand as you are able

Remember to pass the Fellowship Registers.

Coffee, juice and cookies are served after the morning service in the Fellowship Center.

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service downstairs in the choir room for children who are age three through preschool. Your child will be released to Little Lambs after the children's message. Lesson: We Can Talk to God; Leaders: Lisa Kragt and Abby Helder

Last week's envelope collection totaled \$12,045. This amount includes electronic giving.

Offering Schedule:

September 14 Niekerk Christian Education Fund
September 21 Health Pantry
September 28 InterVarsity – Missionary Aaron Green

Nursery Attendants:

This Week: AM: Jessica Schutter & Deb Slenk
PM: Kris Roelofs & Sandy Van Dyke
Next Week: AM: Laura Vander Zwaag & Lindsey Haan
PM: Abby Helder & Char Janssen

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
Wednesday	5:20 PM	Wednesday Night at Niekerk
	6:00 PM	Nursery & Crafts
	6:00 PM	Yard Games & Smores
	7:00 PM	GEMS & Cadets
Thursday	9:00 AM	Indoor Walking
	9:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	5:30 PM	Youth Group Kickoff

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to Jack Koeman! He will be 84 years old on Thursday. His favorite verse is, "Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them." Hosea 14:9

Pray for **Elaine Brower** who will have dental work done tomorrow in preparation for heart valve replacement.

Continue to pray for **Pam Holmes, Cal Schierbeek, and Bill Keen.** Pray for their healing and renewed strength.

Pray for **Judy Stoel, Nancy Windemuller, Jerry Brower and Betty Matthews** as they receive physical therapy.

Pray for **Claire Helder, Vern Hoeksema, Stephanie Edewaard, Ron VanGelder, Mary Jo Staal, Dave Helder and Jim Hondred** who are serving on the Pastoral Search Team. Ask the Lord to bless them as they follow Him in the process of seeking out our next pastor.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for Wednesday Night at Niekerk as it begins this week. Ask for good fellowship over the meal, and for a great start for Cadets, GEMS, and other ministries as they begin.
- Ask that our children and youth may have good focus as they seek to learn in school: preschool through graduate students!
- Give thanks for good health and pray for those who are struggling with health issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's time again to gather information for the October newsletter. Remember to submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next **Sunday, September 21**. Notes can be placed in the kitchen service door mail slot, the newsletter mailboxes located in the bottom right-hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

Laura Helder Update. Today, after the morning service Laura Helder will be giving an update on her recent YWAM training and time spent in Japan. We invite the congregation to stay after the service to hear about this experience and where God is leading in her life and where she may be called to serve next.

High School and Middle School Youth Group: This Saturday, September 20, we will kick off the year together! We will meet from 5:30 to 8pm in the Fellowship Center. Food provided. Sign-up at the Information Center! We can't wait to start another year of fun and growing in Christ together.

Thank you to everyone who is willing to serve as a **prayer partner** for our youth and children this year! We will have a Prayer Partner Social next Sunday, September 21, after the morning service. It will be an opportunity to meet your prayer partner (and his/her parents for the younger children), exchange contact information, and share prayer requests. Please plan to join us at the north end of the gym.

Great Pumpkin Party, October 16! The signup sheet is at the Information Center! Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success and to show the community the hospitality of Niekerk.

Artificial Flowers Needed to decorate the tables at The Great Pumpkin Party. They do not need to be fall flowers, but any season is fine. Please bring the flowers to the library.

The 50th Bravo Harvest Auction will be held on Saturday, September 27, at Bravo Community Church on 5587 113th Avenue, Fennville, MI (corner of 56th Street and 113th Avenue). The kitchen with Roelofs' Fine Foods opens at 6:00pm and the auction begins at 6:30pm. Come and join Auctioneer John Petroelje and our Bravo friends for food, fun, and fellowship and bring home some local area produce, gift certificates, handmade items, baked goods, and various other donated items.

Ladies Getaway! November 11, 12 & 13. Come join us for a fun getaway at Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana, Indiana. Do some shopping, work on your favorite craft or see the play "The Christmas Candy Caper" at the Blue Gate Theater. Just come and relax and enjoy some wonderful fellowship and great food! Sign up at the Information Center. For questions, contact Deb Bosch at 616-796-4554. Deadline to sign up is October 5.

Women's Fall Bible Study 2025. Women of Niekerk, it is time to think about joining the Women's Fall Bible Study 2025. We will meet on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Center on the following dates: September 23, 30 and October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4 & 11 from 9:30am to 10:45am. A signup sheet and a copy of the book can be found at the Information Center. Let Jan Nykamp know if you have a friend you'd like to invite.

Hand2Hand is collecting peanut butter (no larger than 16oz) and no-sugar-added fruit cups (pears, peaches, pineapple, mango, etc.) for September and October. *Please purchase only the items and sizes listed. Large items are too difficult for the younger children to carry home.*

Help Provide a Meal for Circles this Fall! Each Tuesday night, Heights of Hope's Circles program gathers around a shared meal before diving into an evening of connection, support, and transformation. We serve about 45 people each week, and we're looking for individuals, families, or groups to sign up to provide a meal. Interested in helping out?

Learn more or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/7dyxtyju>.



Our Church Assistance Program. Both children and adults can be at the receiving end of bullying, and the effects can be devastating. If you or your child is experiencing intimidation, harassment, hostility, insults, or shaming at school or work, reach out to our CAP for compassionate guidance and support. Call 1-800-442-0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with Niekerk for free and confidential support.

Dates for Your Calendar

September 25 Monthly Prayer Meeting
 Men's Golf Outing

Elder & Deacon Districts and Phone Numbers:

Alofs-Folkert	Gary Meiste	616-218-4288
	John Timmer	616-836-0405
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Keen-Nykamp	Steve Slenk	616-836-1011
	Mike Schierbeek	616-610-6932
Paiz-Sneller	Dave Helder	616-836-0372
	Matt Maas	616-422-6981
Staal-Zeerip	Ric Lucas	616-403-7817
	Dale Walters	616-422-3105

Ministry Priorities:

- *Encountering God in worship
- *Nurturing full devotion to Christ
- *Loving and caring for everyone
- *Reaching out in service and witness

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