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From the Pit to the Palace



Niekerk Christian Reformed Church
September 27, 2020

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

September 27, 2020
Morning Worship Service 9:30am

Communion

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Kings of Kings**

***O Praise the Name**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

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

Children's Message

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-36

Message: **The Story of Joseph**

Prayer of Application

Communion

*God's Blessing

***Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

Postlude

Offering: Missionaries

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist: Marge Boeve

Pianist: Kristi Driscoll

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

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

Little Lambs meets during the morning worship service for children age 3 and 4. Lesson—God Gave Us a Home and Family; Leaders—Melinda Kryger, Abby Helder & Kristen Sybesma

Last week's envelope collections totaled \$7,493. This amount includes electronic giving.

Nursery Attendants:

This week: Melanie Russcher, Jim & Dana Hondred

Next week: Kaylin Van Dyke, Meredith Sybesma & Deb Slenk

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—6:00pm

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

***Near the Cross**

***Amazing Love (You Are My King)**

Confession and Assurance

Prayer

***Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Scripture: John 7:40-52

Message: **Unbelief of the Jewish Leaders**

Prayer of Application

***At the Cross**

*God's Blessing

***Salvation Belongs to Our God**

Postlude

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Nate Petroelje** and Megan Schroder who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 26, at the Lake Michigan shore in Montague, Michigan. They reside in Traverse City.

Happy Birthday to **Bea Boeve!** She is 95 years old on Tuesday. Her favorite verse is, ““For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8. Her address is Appledorn South, 727 Apple Avenue #C6, Holland 49423

Carol Keen had knee surgery on Monday. The surgery went well, and she is recovering at home.

Offering Schedule for September:

September 27 Missionaries

October 4 Niekerk CRC Christian Education Fund

October 11 Holland Deacons' Conference

October 18 World Renew

October 25 Multiplication Network

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE

The Executive Committee, with Council's authorization, has approved **reopening the south entrance of the church** and use of the elevator. At the October 5 meeting of Council, we will evaluate additional changes that we may be able to make to encourage attendance safely by the maximum number of Niekerk members.

Sunday Worship Update. At the September Council meeting, it was decided to extend the Sunday service schedule with current restrictions through October 4 to allow enough time to assess the impact of reopening schools. The October 5 Council meeting will include reconsideration of the current restrictions. The Executive Committee continues to monitor the situation between Council meetings. For the protection of vulnerable Niekerk members attending services, Council still requests members to wear masks while moving through the church and while singing. Our morning services have nearly reached the maximum we can handle with social distancing, and the Fellowship Center will be made available as needed.

The Council approved the following schedule to be used for the next two weeks. The schedule for attendance by district is:

Schedule

Districts #2, #4, #6, #8	September 27 Morning Service
All Districts	September 27 Evening Service
Districts #1, #3, #5, #7	October 4 Morning Service
All Districts	October 4 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

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Ladies Craft Day
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing
	7:00 PM	The Color of Compromise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and Refreshments will be served after the morning worship service outside, weather permitting.

Church Administrative Assistant Vacation. Julie Mulder is going trucking with her husband Bob this week. Abby Mulder will be in the office; her hours will be 9am to 3pm Monday through Thursday.

Women's Fall Bible Study will meet this Tuesday morning, September 29, from 9:30am-10:45am in the basement All-Purpose Room. Please come ready to discuss Lesson 2 (pages 16-22) in the book *Jesus Calling: Experiencing God's Presence* by Sarah Young. Remember to bring along your mask and any drink/snack for yourself.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday! Blood donation is essential to ensuring the health of our communities. Thank you to all who have answered the call to donate blood amid the COVID-19 outbreak. The need for blood is constant, and you're asked to make an appointment with the American Red Cross at www.rcblood.org/appt.

Color of Compromise Study: We will be starting our conversations about race relations and the church with *The Color of Compromise* video series this Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Center to watch the video as a large group and then break into smaller groups for discussion. Please bring a mask along for the discussion portion of the night in case we cannot move outside for our discussion. You are welcome to join us even if you didn't attend the first meeting. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Hop, Jen Leep, or Mary Jo Staal. We would love to have you join us as we listen, learn, and discuss this topic together!

Profession of Faith. The Executive Committee met in a combined session via ZOOM to hear the profession of faith of Nic Wedeven. Nic testified about his growth in faith during the challenges and disappointments brought on by the COVID pandemic and how it helped him to connect more deeply with his Savior. After a time of questions, comments, and encouragement, Nic's profession was approved, and Nic desires to profess his faith publicly at the Sunday, October 4, worship service. Join us in thanking God for leading Nic to this point in his faith.

Youth Group Leader Position. As many of you may know, Caleb Nykamp will be finished with his studies at the end of this year and will be looking for a full-time ministry position. Caleb intends to finish with this year's youth ministries season, but we are beginning to look for his replacement. If you know of someone who you think might be able to fill this role, please let either Greg Leenstra or Meredith Sybesma know.

Catechism and Sunday School will begin next Sunday. Sunday school will meet downstairs in the All-Purpose Room and catechism For grades 4th thru 8th grade will meet in youth building. Class lists and teachers will be posted on the students' rooms. The High School class will meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Darren.

Pastor Darren's High School Catechism Class, which begins October 4, will be watching the documentary *American Gospel: In Christ Alone*. This is a great documentary for people of all ages, so all are welcome to come and watch. The plan is to watch the documentary in the sanctuary.

Hand2Hand. Plastic bags are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sara Heeres or Lisa Wedeven. There is COVID protocol that must be considered for volunteers.

The Meijer Simply Give Program. It's the last week to donate! Hungry for Christ is again partnering with Meijer on 16th Street to provide food for our Hand2Hand backpack program. Pick up a Simply Give Gift Card and pay for it at the checkout. The money will then be used to purchase items for Hand2Hand. You do not need to bring the physical card to us.

Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes". On Sunday, October 4, shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up and fill! Check out the September Niekerk News for details.

Adopt a Niekerk Young Adult: I hope everyone is planning to stick with your young adult again this school year, but if you cannot participate this year, let Caleb know so he can find a replacement so that all of our Niekerk young adults are "adopted." We have four recent high school male graduates that need to be adopted this year, and two female young adults that need to be adopted. The general idea for adopting a young adult is that you would send them an encouraging card, text or email 1-3 times a semester and maybe grab a meal or coffee with them over Thanksgiving or Christmas break. Especially in this strange season, we find ourselves in, having a Christian community that prays, encourages, and connects with one another is so important. Please consider blessing and encouraging our Niekerk young adults in this way. If you have questions, would like more information or would like to sign up and adopt a young adult, please talk to, email or call Caleb Nykamp.

Picture Directory—Pictures Still Needed! Our goal is to update all of the pictures in the church directory. 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.

Returnable 10¢ cans and bottles for the Youth Group. You may drop off returnable cans any time by the storage building (garage). The Youth Group will return these when they are able and use the money collected for special outings/events.

Church Assistance Program. Are you struggling with suicidal thoughts, feeling hopeless, helpless, like a burden or that you can't go on? Please call the CAP Hotline at 1-800-442-0809. The line is answered 24/7, and you will be connected with a professional counselor within one hour. Your call is confidential and will not be reported to our organization. Remember to identify yourself as an CAP client. Below are additional confidential, 24/7 resources available to you: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 or Crisis Text Line—text HOME to 741741.

Dates for Your Calendar:

September 27	Communion
September 29	Women's Bible Study
September 29	Red Cross Blood Drive
October 4	Catechism & Sunday School
October 5	Council Meeting
October 6	Women's Bible Study
October 7	Cadets, GEMS & Youth Group
October 11	Catechism & Sunday School
October 13	Women's Bible Study
October 14	Senior (65+) Singles
October 18	Catechism & Sunday School
October 19	Executive Meeting
October 20	Women's Bible Study
October 21	Cadets, GEMS & Youth Group
October 27	Women's Bible Study

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