

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church



January 14, 2018

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Preparatory

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***Waiting Here for You**

***Before the Throne of God Above**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Preparatory

Prayer

Offering: Lorri Scholten

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***Lord, I Need You**

Children's Message

Scripture: **Luke 4:1-13** (page 1598)

Message: **"Hungry and Hunted, but Spirit-Filled"**

Prayer of Application

***It Is Well**

*God's Blessing

***I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace** – Gray Hymnal 495:1,3,4

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor John Douma

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Jen Leep

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

The morning service includes a Preparatory for the Lord's Supper. This morning, we look at the temptation of Jesus. This evening, we are led by Seminarian Ross Hoekstra.

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude

*Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** – Gray Hymnal 501:1,2,4,7

***Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise** – Gray Hymnal 460:1,3,4

Prayer

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***Stronger**

Children's Message

Scripture: **II Corinthians 3:7-18** (page 1795)

Message: **"Retrained for Freedom"**

Prayer of Application

***Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone**

*God's Blessing

* **I Will Follow**

*Postlude

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Next Sunday, is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Emmalyn Faith Windemuller, daughter of Jeremy and Anita Windemuller, receives the sign and seal of Baptism this morning. Also, the Lord's Supper is celebrated. All who openly confess Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome to come to the Lord's Table this morning. Pastor John will lead us in the morning. Devon Scott will lead us in the evening.

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for Lorri Scholten of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Next week's offering is for Positive Options. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$14,056. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

February Offering Schedule

- February 4 John & Angela Wagenveld (Multiplication Network)
- February 11 Holland Deacons Conference
- February 18 Bravo CRC
- February 25 Niekerk Youth Group

Little Lambs: “Jesus Calms the Storm”

—Jacob Heeres, Lisa & Cody Kragt

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

- AM Tami Sneller, Elizabeth Timmer, Rachel & Shane Plaggemars
- PM Linda Timmer & Kris Bulthuis

Next Week:

- AM Jamie Brower, Renee Texer, Jim & Dana Hondred
- PM Trisha Texer & Melanie Russcher

Catechism: The 4th through 12th grade classes will meet in En Gedi.

Sunday School meets in the All Purpose Room.

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Catechism & Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Fellowship
	4:45 PM	Fellowship Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Craft Day
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Ice Skating. Saturday, February 10, we will be going to Giff’s Icehouse to skate. Meet at the church parking lot at 1:30pm. We will spend an hour skating and then grab some hot chocolate and coffee afterwards. We will return to the church parking lot by 4pm. The cost is \$5 per person. Feel free to invite a friend! Sign up at the Information Center today!

Are you involved in winter/spring extra curriculums? Your leaders would love to come watch you and cheer you on! Email, text or drop off a copy of your schedule in Laura’s or Jamie’s mailbox!

Boston Mission Trip! Are you planning to go on the Youth Group trip to Boston this summer? We are extending the sign up deadline to February 1, but we would like to get an idea as soon as possible how many students we will be bringing, so if you know you want to go, sign up today!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Wayne Alofs!** He will be 82 years old on Wednesday. His favorite verse is, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind." Ecclesiastes 12:13b

Juliet Brower was admitted to Zeeland Hospital last weekend for pneumonia and possibility of the flu. On Wednesday, she was transferred to Resthaven of 40th Street where she will continue to recover from pneumonia.

Happy Birthday to **Lorene Geurink!** She will be 82 years old on Wednesday. Her favorite verse is, "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

Randy Nykamp was admitted to Holland Hospital on Friday to receive a pacemaker.

Rick Windemuller has been feeling so much better and seeing huge progress in the last week in the gaining of strength and energy.

ACTS OF COUNCIL

- Approved Elizabeth Timmer's testimony and her request to make Profession of Faith.
- Delegated to the February 1 Classis Holland meeting at Hardewyk CRC, Deacon John Timmer (Zeb Driscoll – alt), Elder Larry Van Dyke (Cal Schierbeek – alt) and Rev. John Douma.
- Discussed protocols for those monitoring our facilities via the cameras, and reviewed other procedures and measurers regarding safety and security during times of worship.
- Began the process for preparing a ballot for the selection of new Deacons and Elders.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Devon Scott to Unity Reformed Church in Kentwood, Michigan.
- Approved the transfer of membership of Ian and Val Kuipers and their son Ezekiel to Platte CRC in Platte, South Dakota.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Reminder. It's that time again to gather information for the February newsletter. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by next Sunday, January 21. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org. Thank you!

Pastor John will be attending the Bethlehem Conference for Pastors in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The conference theme this year is Gospel Power; The Christ-Exalting Work of the Holy Spirit.

The Fellowship Committee will meet today at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Center.

Youth Group Theme Dinner. The youth and their leaders invite the church family to "A Night at the Movies"! Our 2018 theme dinner will be held in the Fellowship Center on March 10th, with doors opening at 6pm. This will be a fun night out for the whole family. If you have any questions, please contact Laura or Jamie at any time. Sign up in at Information Center today!

Sunday Evening Bible Study invites all adults to join us as we begin a study on the Parables of Jesus. Groups meet the first Sunday of each month from February through May. Talk to Marilyn Russcher 269-751-8564 or Leona Nyhof 269-751-5874 if you would like to join or have questions.

Heights of Hope is transitioning in to their next 18 month Circles Program—a Tuesday evening mentoring program. They are still in need of eight more "Allies". Also, they could use help providing meals for these Tuesday events for the next 18 months. If you are interested in responding or hearing more, contact Pastor John.

Heights of Hope. Our Circles program has two needs: We are looking for volunteers willing to help with childcare one Tuesday a month from 6:30-8pm. To sign up, please contact Laura at heightsofhopementoring@gmail.com. We are also in need of groups to provide a meal for any Tuesday! To sign up for meals, please go to www.heightsofhope.com/meals.

Collecting Pop Cans! The Youth Group is still collecting pop cans! Please help them by bringing in your rinsed cans.

There are **tablets available** for members who are unable to regularly attend the Sunday services and who are not capable to stream from their location. The tablets have been set up for easy use and only require wi-fi stream. They can be checked out at the library. If there are any questions or concerns about the use of the tablets, please see one of the deacons.

The Social Action Committee. Pray for God's people to have a clear understanding of the sanctity of life from life in the womb through natural death. Thank the Lord for those who work tirelessly for pro-life issues. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who practice it." Psalm 111:10

Red Cross Blood Drive. Niekerk will again be a "donation location" on Tuesday, February 20. Red Cross staff, volunteers and blood donors agree: Niekerk's location and facility are excellent! Mark your calendar if you are able to give blood. A sign-up sheet will be posted but online signups are already open.

Church Assistance Program. Is assisted living, adult foster care, a nursing home or a senior community becoming a possibility? Our CAP program offers Elder Care Consultation and can help assess what services are needed and provide contacts for local services at the level of care. Simply call 616-281-6363 x2450.

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 21, 2018. RTLHA Sanctity of Life Service and March will be held on Monday, January 22, at Central Avenue CRC in Holland. Guest speaker: Barb Listing, President of Right to Life of Michigan.

Looking for some mid-winter fun for an excellent cause? Bring your family and friends to the **CLC Network Auction** on Saturday, February 3, at Calvary RCA at 3500 Byron Center Avenue SW in Wyoming. The dinner and silent auction start at 4:30pm, the live auction begins at 6:00pm. Bid on merchandise, gift certificates, activities, and much more! Your participation helps equip schools and congregations to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities. Learn more at clcnetwork.org

Live-in Home Supervisor: The Holland Deacons' Conference is seeking a full-time Home Supervisor to live with and provide support for six adults with intellectual and developmental differences/ disabilities (IDD) in Holland. Interested individuals may request an application packet by phone at 616-494-6050 or email at carrie@hdccrc.org.

Part-Time Maintenance Person: The Holland Deacons' Conference is looking for a part-time maintenance person to assist with upkeep and repairs of My Brother's and My Sister's Houses and the HDC office building. This position is for 2-8 hours a week. Basic knowledge of home maintenance is ideal. This person would work alongside and report to the Maintenance Supervisor. Resumes should be sent to the Holland Deacons' Conference at 224 W. 30th Street in Holland.

Dates for Your Calendar:

- January 22 Cadets & GEMS
- January 24 Wednesday Family Night
- January 31 Open Gym
- February 4 Sunday Night Bible Study
- February 5 Council Meeting
- February 10 Youth Group Ice Skating
- February 14 Wednesday Family Night/Ash Wednesday Service
- February 20 Red Cross Blood Drive
- February 28 Wednesday Family Night
- March 4 Sunday Night Bible Study
- March 10 Youth Group Theme Dinner
- March 14 Wednesday Family Night
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 30 Good Friday Service

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