

Niekerk Christian Reformed Church

God *The Author & Giver of life*

IS Faithful

••• too faithful to fail
••• always with us
••• is always on time

February 25, 2018

NIEKERK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

***How Can I Keep from Singing**

~Little Lambs is dismissed~

Prayer

Offering: Niekerk Youth Group

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

***One Thing Remains**

Children's Message

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 10:1-5 & 11-13**

Message: **"God Will Give You More than You Can Handle"**

Prayer of Application

***Stronger**

*God's Blessing

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

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Sem. Ross Hoekstra

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Today, we welcome Ross Hoekstra to the pulpit.

Upcoming scheduled pastors are:

March 4 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 11 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 18 Sem. Ross Hoekstra

March 25 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen

March 30 Pastor Ren Broekhuizen – Good Friday

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Prelude

*Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** – Gray Hymnal 486

***Forever**

Prayer

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***How Great Is the Love of the Father** – Gray Hymnal 231

***Spirit of the Living God** – Gray Hymnal 424

Scripture: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Message: **“Cultivating a Lenten Spirit”**

Prayer of Application

***Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

*God's Blessing

***Mighty to Save**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Sem. Ross Hoekstra

Organist – Karen Lucas

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

Next week, we welcome Pastor Ren Broekhuizen to the pulpit for both services.

Little Lambs: “Only One Says Thank You”

—Jacob Heeres, Lisa & Cody Kragt

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for the Niekerk Youth Group. Next week's offering is for the World Renew—Disaster Relief Services. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$12,394. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness!

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM John & Margaret Timmer, Lori & Ashley Klaasen

PM Jamie Hop & Jen Schierbeek

Next Week:

AM Kimberly Van Houten, Laura Helder, Greg & Jen Leenstra

PM Carol Keen & Lisa Wedeven

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
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Wednesday Family Night
	6:30 PM	Awakening
Friday	9:00 AM	Hand2Hand Packing

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 16, 2018. For Elder: Brad Heeres, John Janssen, Eric Louwerse, Fred Winkle, Tim Leep, and Bob Steenwyk. For Deacon: Jim Hondred, Scott Sybesma, Peter Elzinga, Joel Kryger, Dean Koopman, and Mike Schierbeek.

The following are those who will be retiring from office. Elder: Ed Helder, Tom Texer and Larry Van Dyke. Deacon: Curt Brower, Mike Venema and Tim Russcher.

Ballots for confirming the nominees will be 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 hoping that you can confirm all nominees, unless you feel otherwise. Deposit your ballot in the box at the Information Center. All those receiving a majority confirmation will have their names submitted for drawing of lots. Three names for elder and three names for deacon will be drawn.

Please submit your ballots by Sunday, March 11, 2018. Names will be drawn on Sunday morning of March 18, 2018.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Thank you to all the youth and leaders who participated in this morning's youth service!

Work Night! Wednesday following the WFN meal, will be a work night in preparation for the theme dinner. Please plan to meet your leaders in the Fellowship Center on the north end of the room and we will get busy with prep for our event.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday to **Lena Becksford!** She will be 94 years old on Friday. Her favorite verse is, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Our Christian sympathy is extended to **Lisa and Steve Kragt**, in the passing of Lisa's grandmother and **Tyler and Cody's** great-grandmother, Mary Garbrecht. The funeral was Monday.

Jim Snay received a report that his heart function has decreased. They will be meeting with doctors to discuss further treatment options.

Alma Staal returned home from the hospital on Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Meeting Today. The Vision Task Force will be meeting today at 5:00 pm in the Council Room with members of the newly forming Prayer Team for a time of prayer. Prayer partners will be supporting and guiding the Vision Task Force as we seek to discern God's will for our congregation.

Church campout: Today is the last day to sign up for the church campout. The campout is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, August 23-25, at TriPonds campground near Allegan. You may camp two or three nights (or more), but you will need to call TriPonds to let them know the number of nights you would like to stay. To reserve your camp site, just call TriPonds at 269-673-4740. After this week, the reserved lots not spoken for by Niekerk will be released so they are available for other campers. Hope you can join us! If you have questions, please call Jean Tjarks at 616-741-9001.

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 10, 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 at Information Center today!

Hand2Hand is Growing! We have recently received many new names of students asking for a H2H bag. We are looking for several people who would be willing to go through the schools with us, putting backpacks in students' lockers on Friday mornings. If we get enough volunteers, we are hoping you would only have to help 1-2 times a month. Feel free to talk with Sara Heeres or Lisa Wedeven and sign up at the Information Center.

Help Build a Home in West Virginia! Jimmy, who has serious health problems, has been living in a camper since his home was demolished by a flood in 2016. Volunteers from churches of Holland-Zeeland, in collaboration with World Renew Disaster Response Services and their partner in West Virginia, have committed to building a new home for Jimmy. More volunteers, whether skilled or not-yet-skilled are needed for a week or more between April 21 and May 11. For more information, or to sign up, contact Dale Compagner, icomp1949@gmail.com, or 616-893-5750.

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

Russ' Restaurant Fundraiser will be for Right to Life of Holland on Monday, March 19, from 5pm-close at Russ' Easttown ONLY. Download a coupon at www.rtlofholland.org or pick up a coupon from the bulletin board near the Information Center.

Right to Life Oratory Contest for high school students is Thursday, March 8, at 7:30pm. Contact Betty at 616-396-1037 for more information. Download the flyer with subject topics at www.rtlofholland.org.

Right to Life Annual Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 10:00am at Lawrence Street Park in Zeeland. You can pick up a pledge sheet from our office or download one from www.rtlofholland.org.

Church Assistance Program. Self-harm is not attention-seeking behavior—it's a sign of severe emotional distress. If you or a loved one is self-harming, get help immediately! Call our CAP hotline at 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0209 for free and confidential help.

The Evergreen Chorale is presenting a Sacred Concert at First Reformed Church at 630 State Street in Holland at 3:00pm TODAY. The Chorale will sing a variety of anthems, hymns, and gospel music accompanied by piano, organ, brass and violin. A freewill offering will be taken. Come and enjoy an afternoon of sacred music with the Evergreen Chorale and accompanists.

Elder and Deacon Districts:

A-Bosch	Daryl Van Dyke	Curt Brower
Brandsen-Grotenhuis	Jerry Zeerip	John Timmer
Haan-Janssen	Tom Texer	Tim Russcher
Jones-Leep	Ed Helder	Mike Venema
Louwerse-Plaggemars	Rog Sneller	Ryan Texer
Prince - Shoemaker	Steve Slenk	Scott Van Dyke
Slenk-Tjarks	Cal Schierbeek	Zeb Driscoll
Tucker-Zeerip	Carl Helder	Todd Sneller

Dates for Your Calendar:

March 4	Sunday Night Bible Study
March 5	Council Meeting
March 10	Youth Group Theme Dinner
March 14	Wednesday Family Night
March 26	April Council Meeting
March 30	Good Friday Service
April 1	Resurrection Sunday
April 29	Church Potluck
June 2	Sporting Clays

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