

Sunday October 21, 2018

We welcome all who worship with us today

Prayer Needs:

- For the Holy Spirit's blessing on the preached Word today.
- For the suffering among us, those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely and the elderly.
- Our widows and widower, pray for God's presence in their lives.
- For revival of God's work in our country, for uprightness among our leader
- Thanksgiving for favorable weather for harvest this past week. Pray for safety for our farmers in the field during this busy season.
- For those suffering after the hurricane that hit in Florida.
- For Larry and DeeAnn Villalobos and family as they mourn the loss of Larry's dad Arthur Villalobos, at 88 years of age. Funeral services were held this past week in Superior, Arizona.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore."
Psalms 105:1-4

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George & Chris Vonk Wilma Koedam

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves. Coffee and fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and Adult Class at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Building Fund

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: HRCS

Thursday: Wycliffe Associates Dinner on Thursday, October 25 @ 7:00 PM at Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center. *"Just as water brings the parched earth to life, the power of God's Word brings dead and dry souls new life."* Join banquet host Noel Davis as he shares the story of a village that heard the Scripture in their heart language for the first time. Call 1-888-599-7551 for reservations
www.wycliffeassociates.org

Conference: How does God use a young missionary child whose father was martyred to grow His kingdom? Gather a group together and come hear Valerie Elliot Shepard, the daughter Elisabeth Elliot, and her husband, Walt Shepherd, speak in Orange City on November 2 & 3, with a men's breakfast event (\$12, 9-10:30 AM at the Triple Box) and women's conference (\$17, 9 AM -2 PM at the Unity Knight Center, lunch included). Get your tickets before registration closes this Tuesday, the 22nd! Visit your local Radio Shack (and save \$2) or shepards.eventbrite.com by TOMORROW night. Also mark your calendar for the free session Friday night, Nov. 2nd (7-8:30 at the Unity Knight Center; free-will offering to help cover expenses) Email weekendwiththeshepards@gmail.com with any questions. These events are sponsored by OC area churches, businesses and community members.

October:

Wednesday 24th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Thursday 25th: Wycliffe Dinner, see note

Wednesday 31st: *Reformation Day*, commemoration service on Sunday, November 4

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November:

Fri./Sat. 2-3: Conference/Shepards, see note

Sunday 4th: *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*

Tuesday 13th: Consistory Meeting at church at 6:00 pm

Wednesday 7th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 7th: Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 14th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Tuesday 20th: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Thursday 22nd: Thanksgiving Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Wednesday 28th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Thursday 29th: *Word and Deed Dinner*, Main Street Plaza, Rock Valley

Birthdays:

October 27: Isabella Gaul

Greeters:

October 21: Dean and Mary Maassen

October 28: Mike and Leanne Gaul

Lunch Schedule:

October 21: Stacy Z. and Barb G.

October 28: Misty D. and Paige C.

Nursery Schedule:

October 21: Morning: Paige C. and Rayna M.

Evening: Lexi D. and Eliana P.

October 28: Morning: Amanda G. and Olivia VB

Evening: Misty D. and Haley VV

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

8/05/18 General - \$2,303.00

8/05/18 HRCS - \$6,997.00

8/12/18 General - \$638.00

8/12/18 Denominational Outreach - \$989.00

8/19/18 General - \$804.00

8/19/18 HRCS - \$1,275.00

8/26/18 General - \$1,684.00

8/26/18 Emeritus - \$1,006.00

HRCS: Account balance: (\$9,273.05)

~All the LORD willing~

“Come into My Heart, Lord Jesus”

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock.”

REVELATION 3:20

The Lord Jesus has many ways of making His people hear His knocking. From verse 19 we may gather that His rebukes, His chastisements, and His calls to repentance are all knocks on the doors of our hearts. Who will hear His voice? He speaks in mercy, even when He chastens. Who will hearken to His knocking? All His blows upon our hearts are but calls to closest fellowship.

Christ wants an entrance to our affections. He is not satisfied with our cold acts of duty. Give Me thy heart is His demand. Has He obtained it? Or is He still standing outside? Remember, the people to whom He addresses this message are professing Christians. Like all too many, they are lukewarm indifferent to spiritual things. They are too busy with worldly concerns to pay much attention to the spiritual reality of the gospel they profess. The Lord Jesus refuses to allow such a situation to go unchallenged. He must have the hearts throne of anyone who professes His name.

The mark of a true Christian, as distinct from a mere professor, is that however cold in heart he has become, he cannot ignore the voice, or the knocking, of the Saviour. Do you hear that voice, that insistent knocking, today? You may think that the way to renewed fellowship will be long and difficult, but you are wrong. Jesus says that all that is required is to hear His voice and open the door. Throw open your heart your affections, your will, your inmost being to the Saviour, and He will enter and establish a fellowship with you that will be sweet, satisfying, and unbroken.

The King of Glory wants to dine with you today, and He wants you to dine with Him forever. Will you heed His call?

Carelessness about the friendship of Christ is the crying sin of the church.

R. C. Chapman

Congregation

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“To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.” Psalm 63:2

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