

# Sunday November 11, 2018

We welcome all who worship with us today

## Prayer Needs:

- God'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 leaders.
- Pray for favorable weather for our farmers to finish up the harvest, and for safety in the fields.
- Thanksgiving for the blessing of freedom in our country, and prayer for the veterans who have served to protect our freedoms.

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman      George & Chris Vonk      Wilma Koedam

## Announcements:

**Today:** Pastor Greendyk serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism & Sunday School @ 11:20 am. There will be no Adult Class today.

1<sup>st</sup> Offering: General Fund      2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: HRCS Fund

**Next Lord's Day:** Pastor Elshout serves. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: Parsonage Fund

**Tomorrow:** Rev. Vergunst, pastor of the NRC, Waupun, WI will be presenting the following topic:

**Modern Media Addictions: Pornography. Monday, November 12 @ 7:00 pm**

This topic will be held at The Corporate Center, 950 N. Main Sioux Center. Nursery will be provided. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

**Word & Deed Dinner** will be held on Thursday, November 29 at the Main Street Plaza, 1129 Main Street, Rock Valley. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a social time, dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. See poster in church narthex for more info.

**Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong**, will be held at the *Hull Community Center* on Friday, December 7. More details to follow.

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of children? If you are 55 or better, the Foster Grandparent Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Foster Grandparent volunteers impact their local communities while assisting students at local schools and non-profit daycares. (or) Would you like to make a difference for other adults in the Hull area? If you are 55 or better, the Senior Companion Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Senior Companion volunteers work with adults one-on-one to help them maintain their independence in their own homes through visiting and assistance. Be that friend and companion to someone who can use your support to improve their quality of life. For more information about being a volunteer or receiving Senior Companion services, please contact the nearest Senior Companion office at or 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

## November:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>: Consistory Meeting at church at 6:00 pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>: Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Thanksgiving Day*, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: *Word and Deed Dinner*, Main Street Plaza, Rock Valley

## December:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>: Family Night, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Soup Supper and Singalong

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Singing at *Royale Meadows*, Sioux Center at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Bible study, same place and time

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Monday 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve, evening worship service at 7:00 pm

## Birthdays:

November 14: Caden Groeneweg

November 16: Pete Van Beek

## Greeters:

November 11: Jason and Misty Davelaar

November 18: Larry and DeeAnn Villalobos

## Lunch Schedule:

November 11: Clara Ann B. and Leah VB

November 18: Marilyn G. and Kerri G.

## Nursery Schedule:

**November 11:** Morning: Emily P. and Brynlie Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Ciana Z.

**November 18:** Morning: Kerri R. and Mylie Z.

Evening: Leah VB and Madelynn Z.

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

10/07/18 General - \$1,603.00      10/07/18 HRC Mission - \$1,740.00

10/14/18 General - \$798.00      10/14/18 HRCS - \$2,540.00

10/21/18 General - \$1,764.00      10/21/18 Building - \$1,910.00

10/28/18 General - \$761.00      10/28/18 HRCS - \$1,440.00

~All the LORD willing~

## *Faithful Smyrna*

*“And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; . . . I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) . . . . Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” Revelation 2:8-10*

The Lord Jesus recognized this struggling church, which is not mentioned anywhere else in the New Testament, as one of only two churches mentioned in the book of Revelation that did not receive any warning or condemnation.

He saw them very differently than our “church growth” movement might today. Many tend to envy the churches with big auditoriums or grand building programs. Most of the world praises those churches that are “emerging” from the restraints of godliness and churches that are “driven” to attract and please the ungodly.

Smyrna was poor, troubled by those who hated God’s message, and suffered tribulation for their works. Some were thrown into prison for their willingness to be identified with the truth. Generations have passed since anything like that has happened to churches in the Western world. Those countries that persecute Christians today seem only like scattered incidents that have little bearing on the day-to-day life of “civilized” nations. May God protect us from such attitudes.

But the One who walks among the “candlestick” churches of Revelation (His churches) saw Smyrna as rich and worthy of a crown of life. He praised this little church and encouraged them to remain “faithful unto death” (Revelation 2:10). When the King gives out His rewards from the great judgment seat, these faithful, poor, persecuted, troubled, and imprisoned souls will enter eternity with great riches and joyful liberty in the “general assembly and church of the firstborn” (Hebrews 12:23).

Dr. Henry M. Morris III (Institute of Creation Research)

# *Heritage Reformed 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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