

# Sunday November 25, 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.
- 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.
- Our widows, widower and others, who keenly feel the loss of loved ones as we enter the holiday season.
- Thanksgiving for the overwhelming goodness and mercy of the Lord shown to each of us in our church, our homes, schools, work, and nation.
- For those suffering from loss of life and property in the fires in California
- The family of Jennieva Den Boer, who passed away at 69 years. Funeral services were held this past week. Jennieva was an aunt to Harvey Spaans and a niece of Rena Van Beek

*“And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it, surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”* Isaiah 40: 5-8

## Announcements:

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

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

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

**Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong**, will be held at the *Hull Community Center* on Friday, December 7, @ 6:30 pm. See the sign up in the narthex for food. All those families with children have a sheet in their mailbox, please practice these songs with your children at home.

**Practice:** Young people and kids who are singing at the Soup Supper please gather in the sanctuary today before Catechism to practice the songs.

Thank You, *Soup Supper Committee*

**Thursday:** *Word & Deed Dinner* will be held this week Thursday 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. There is still time to register for this worthwhile event; come and hear about the Lord's work in Haiti through *Word & Deed*. See Pete or Linda Van Beek to register or with questions.

## November:

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, 6:30 pm

## December:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Sunday of the Advent Season

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, see note

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:00 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

## Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman            George & Chris Vonk            Wilma Koedam

## Senior Birthday:

Chris Vonk, 87 years on November 27

## Greeters:

November 25: Bob and Marilyn Groeneweg

December 2: Pete and Linda Van Beek

## Lunch Schedule:

November 25: Amanda G. and Marlene VH

December 2: Clarice E., and Amber Z.

## Nursery Schedule:

**November 25:** Morning: Kenzie Z. and Eliana P.

Evening: Paige C. and Olivia VB

**December 2:** Morning: Lexi D. and Haley VV

Evening: Misty D. and Alexa Z.

## Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

11/04/18 General - \$941.00      11/04/18 Construction - \$1,182.00

11/11/18 General - \$1,691.00      11/11/18 HRCS - \$5,356.00

Upon their request the membership for Terry & Tami Van Beek and family, and Jordan Van Beek, has been transferred to the Doon United Reformed Church.

~All the LORD willing~

## None but Christ!

*"Though I might have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."*

-Philippians 3:4-8

Climbing the social and religious ladder was no longer Paul's focus – he was glad to “lose” his earthly awards, accolades and achievements. He considered them rubbish. However, there's a deeper, more serious reason he calls these things trash. Earthly accolades are *dangerous*. Social and religious props are downright deterrents to a fervent faith in his Savior. Paul will no longer allow himself to be defined by his earthly credentials; it's why he considers *everything* – the whole package – a loss compared to knowing Jesus. For him, it's Christ and Christ alone.

This speaks to me as a quadriplegic. I consider [a strong, sleek, athletic, and beautiful body] rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him. It's not only that I have lost these things; I simply recognize they were – and can be – disincentives to an intimate, lively and needy dependence on the Lord Jesus.

When an easy and trouble-free life entices us to place confidence in the flesh, when comfort zones breed self-assurance, it's high time we label these things rubbish. How highly do you value your appearance, background, abilities, and achievements? Do you lean on, cleave to, treasure, or secretly delight in them? Then you may be putting “confidence in the flesh.” Happily toss those earthly props today on the trash heap.

*Joni Eareckson Tada*

# 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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