

Sunday March 31, 2019

~ 4th Sunday of the Passion Season ~

Prayer Needs:

- The Holy Spirit's blessing on the preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, our suffering, dying and risen Saviour.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- Those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely, elderly, widowers and widows in our midst.
- Godly wisdom for our nation's leaders, and a revival of the work of the Holy Spirit throughout our country.
- For the persecuted church throughout the world.
- All among us who are raising families or impacting our children and young people, our parents, foster parents and grandparents. May God bless our efforts to raise up young people to fear and serve Him.
- For all those suffering from seasonal illnesses.

Announcements:

Today: Dr. Michael Barrett serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20 am.

Dr Barrett will present a topic for the Adult Class.

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

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves.

2nd Offering: Domestic Outreach/Student Support Fund

Wednesday: We will meet for our monthly Church Family Night this Wednesday, Hope Haven @ 6:50 pm. For our middle and high school students we have a speaker from the Alpha Center; please meet in the board room. The Adult Bible Study will meet in an alternate spot in the building.

Pro-life event: *The Alpha Center*, Sioux Falls will be holding their annual spring dinner on Friday, April 26. This is a worthwhile prolife fundraising event with good fellowship, a delicious meal and a guest speaker. Please see Linda Van Beek for more information or to register.

Conference: The ladies of *Jordan Heritage Reformed Church* invite all women to attend their Annual Women's Conference on May 1, 2019 D.V. at Jordan HRC. The theme this year will be "Finding Joy in the Ordinary". Registration begins at 9. Please RSVP by April 1, 2019 by emailing womensconference.jhrc@gmail.com or by calling Hanna at 289-668-4936. A registration fee of \$20.00 CND is payable at the door, with warm lunch provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-5

April:

Wednesday 3rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 3rd: *Church Family Evening*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Tuesday 9th: Consistory Meeting, at church at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 10th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time (last time for the season)

Wednesday 10th: *Prayer Day*, worship service at 7:00 pm

Friday 19th: *Good Friday*, evening worship service at 7:00 pm

Sunday 21st: Easter Sunday

Retreat: Register now! All 18-35-year-olds are warmly invited to the *Heritage Spring Retreat* from Friday, May 17 through Monday, May 20, 2019 at Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre in Thamesford, Ontario. This year, we hope to focus our attention and topics around the theme of "Transformed," with the title of Holy and Acceptable. In addition to cabins, there are some accommodations for married couples. Camping and tenting sites are also available. Cost of the retreat is \$225.00 if you register before April 30. Visit www.HeritageRetreat.ca to register and for more details.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George Rus Carolyn Gacke Wilma Koedam
George and Chris Vonk

Birthdays:

March 31: Emily Post

April 6: Doug Post

Greeters:

March 31: Dean and Mary Maassen

April 7: Larry and DeeAnn Villalobos

Lunch Schedule:

March 31: ClaraAnn B. and Julie P.

April 7: Marilyn G. and Kerri R.

Nursery Schedule:

March 31: Morning: Marilyn G. and Madelynn Z.

Evening: Emily P. and Rayna M.

April 7: Morning: Kerri R. and Haley VV

Evening: Julie P. and Eliana P.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

2/03/19 General - \$1,381.00

2/03/19 PRTS - \$1,080.00

2/10/19 General - \$805.00

2/10/19 Student Support - \$2,310.00

2/17/19 General - \$572.00

2/17/19 Inheritance Publishers - \$343.00

~All the LORD willing

Sought Out!

"And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD; and thou shalt be called, Sought out..." Isaiah 62:12

The surpassing grace of God is seen very clearly in seeking out His elect people. We were mingled with the mire--we were as when some precious jewel falls into the sewer, and men gather out and carefully inspect a mass of abominable filth, and continue to stir and rake and search among the heap until the treasure is found.

Or, to use another figure, we were lost in a labyrinth and we wandered hither and thither. When sovereign mercy came after us with the gospel, it did not find us at the first coming--it had to search for us and seek us out. For we as lost sheep were so desperately lost, and had wandered into such a strange country, that it did not seem possible that even the Good Shepherd could track our devious roamings.

Glory be to *unconquerable grace*--we were sought out! No gloom could hide us, no filthiness could conceal us--we were found and brought home! Glory be to *infinite love*--God the Holy Spirit sought us and saved us!

The lives of some of God's people, if they could be written--would fill us with holy astonishment. Strange and marvelous are the ways which God used in their case, to find His own. Blessed be His name--He never relinquishes the search, until the chosen are sought out effectually.

They are not a people sought today and cast away tomorrow. Almighty and wisdom combined, will make no failures--they shall be called, "Sought out!"

That *any* should be sought out is matchless grace, but that *we* should be sought out is grace beyond degree! We can find no reason for it--but God's own sovereign love! We can only lift up our heart in amazement and praise the Lord that we wear the name of "*Sought Out!*"

~Charles Spurgeon

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary."

Psalm 150:1a

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