

Sunday ~ May 5, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayer Needs:

- The Holy Spirit's blessing on the preaching of the Word today, may the resurrected Saviour be our only hope in life and in death.
- 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, & a revival of His work in our land.
- God's blessing on the ministry of Pastor Elshout and others in Serbia, through *Come Over and Help*.
- Thanksgiving for healing for Carolyn Gacke, Rena's daughter. (see note)
- For *Grace Reformed Church* of Northern Pretoria (South Africa), served by Dr. Brian DeVries, as this church has now been formally constituted as a fully established church. The special service was held yesterday.
- Danica DeMeester, as she is still struggling with neurological symptoms. Pray for wisdom for the physicians and full restoration of health.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk

Announcements:

Today: HRC student, Mr. Simon Yin serves *. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class at 11:20 am.

Mr. Yin will present a topic on his life's story for the Adult Class

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Domestic Outreach/Student Support Fund

*Pastor Elshout is serving with *Come Over and Help*, in Serbia

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

Update: "My daughter Carolyn (Gacke) had a good report from the doctor. She has been healed from her cancerous tumor. We can truly thank the Lord for giving healing mercies and strength. Thank you all for your concern and prayers."

~Rena Van Beek

Event: "Why do we use the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible? What errors are found in other versions?" Please reserve Thursday evening, May 9, for a presentation on the KJV by Mr. Ron Klaasen of the *Trinitarian Bible Society* at Calvary Protestant Reformed Church in Hull, IA.

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.

May:

Sunday 5th: Mr. Simon Yin serves

Tuesday 14th: Consistory meeting, 7:00 pm at church

Tuesday 21st: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

June:

Sunday 9th: Last meeting for the season of Sunday School and Catechism Class

Thursday 13th: Singing at *Royale Meadows, Neighborhood Room*, Sioux Center @ 6:30

Sunday 16th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Tuesday 18th: Male Membership Meeting, at church at 7:00 pm

Birthdays:

May 5: Connie Hoogendoorn

May 10: Alan Gentry

Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be held July 22, 23 and 25 at church from 6 to 8 PM.

Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on May 10 at 12:00 pm at 410 11th St. SE in Orange City. Please join *Siouxland Habitat for Humanity* to give thanks to God for Him bringing this project together and to celebrate with the Miguel & Maria Vazquez family (partner family) for the start of their home. Everyone is welcome!

Greeters:

May 5: John and Barb Groeneweg

May 12: Mitch and Paige Claussen

Lunch Schedule:

May 5: Mary M. and Linda VB

May 12: Emily VB and Carolyn B.

Nursery Schedule:

May 5: Morning: Marilyn G. and Rayna M.

Evening: Emily P. and Eliana P.

May 12: Morning: Julie P. and Olivia VB

Evening: Kerri R. and Haley VV

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

4/07/19 General - 1,324.00 4/07/19 HRC Denominational Fund - 1,016.00

4/14/19 General - 731.00 4/14/19 PRTS - 932.00

4/19/19 General - 331.00 (Good Friday)

4/21/19 General - 3,744.00 4/21/19 Parsonage - 2,286.00

4/28/19 General - 925.00 4/28/19 Construction - 8,258.00

~All the LORD willing~

Hearing the Shepherd

“Why hear ye him?” John 10:20

The worldling asks, “Why this Bible at your kitchen table and at your bedside? Why attend a church that is all preaching and prayer with nothing to entertain?” These are real questions from the lips of worldlings, but the Christian can answer them a thousand times over!

Hearing Christ’s voice is the mark of true sheep. Our Lord says, “My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). All who claim to be Christ’s redeemed sheep have heard His voice humbling them and calling them to sit at His feet in the enjoyment of pardon from all sin. Do you see that sheep darting from the flock, seeking its own way in rebellion to the Shepherd’s voice? That is a lost sheep, but Christ’s sheep hear His voice and follow Him.

Their shepherd speaks words of truth. Many hirelings are clamoring for your ears, but Christ alone speaks savingly to your soul. He tells you, “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (v. 11). No other supposed saviour speaks words of truth and life as our beloved Redeemer in His death.

This good Shepherd also speaks words of love and mercy. Go to one of Christ’s sheep, Mary Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and ask her, “Why hear ye him?” With flowing tears, she will tell the story of her Saviour’s multiplied mercies. His words of pardon were music to her ears and the song of her soul. The Master’s voice inspires His hearing sheep to listen with the fullest assurance to the Shepherd of their souls and to turn a deaf ear to the criticism of the world.

Heritage Reformed Congregation

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*“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel
before the LORD our maker.” Psalm 95:6*



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