

Sunday September 15, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word, and the sacrament of Lord's Supper today.
- 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.
- Holy Spirit's work, drawing all of us unto the Lord Jesus Christ in saving faith.
- As we begin our fall church classes, and our young people are back in school, may we always seek God's blessing, favor and help in all our learning.
- Nate Villalobos, Larry and DeeAnn's son, who is undergoing diagnosis and treatment for a tumor in his brain. Nate will be going to Mayo Clinic, Rochester in the near future.

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves.

The Lord's Supper will be administered this morning. All members who are needy sinners and find their hope alone in Jesus Christ are encouraged to remember the death of the Lord at His table. All nonmembers who desire to partake are asked to see a consistory member.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship. Catechism, Sunday School, and the Adult Class at 11:20 am. Dr. J. Klautke, who serves the *Confessional Reformed Church* of Giessen, Germany will speak to the Adult Class this morning

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

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Terry Klaver serves. 2nd Offering: Student Support Fund

Conference: On Sept. 27 & 28, 2019, the first *Tri-State Bible Conference* will be held in Northwest Iowa. Speaker: Dr. J. R. Beeke. Conference theme: "Blessed Assurance: Can I Have It?" Location: B. J. Haan Auditorium, Dordt University. For further details, see the conference website: www.tristatebibleconference.com

Save the Date: You are warmly invited to attend the annual *Word & Deed Dinner* to be held on Thursday, November 7 D.V. at the Main Street Plaza in Rock Valley, IA. We are pleased to have Brian Dennett from AMG Guatemala as our keynote speaker. Plan to join us for good food, fellowship, and a presentation highlighting what the Lord is doing in Guatemala! Please see Pete or Linda Van Beek to register.

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"Trials are medicines which our gracious and wise Physician prescribes because we need them. He proportions the frequency and weight of them to what our case requires. Let us trust His skill and thank Him for His prescription."

John Newton

September:

Sunday 15th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Tuesday 17th: Singing at *Whispering Heights*, Rock Valley at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 18th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Sunday 22nd: Pastor Terry Klaver serves

Wednesday 25th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Friday 27th, Saturday 28th: Tri-State Bible Conference, see note

Sunday 29th: Rev. Joel Beeke serves

October:

Tuesday 1st: Consistory Meeting, at church at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 2nd: Ladies' Bible Study @ 9:30 am, Heritage Estates Rock Valley

Wednesday 2nd: Church Family Night, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 9th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 9th: *Trinitarian Bible Society* speaker event, Hope Haven @ 7pm

Wednesday 16th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Thursday 17th: Singing *Royale Meadows/Neighborhood Room*, Sioux Center, 6:30pm

Wednesday 23rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 23rd: Congregational Information Meeting @ church, 7pm (see pastoral letter)

Wednesday 30th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Birthdays:

September 17: Merrik Van Grootheest

September 19: Becky Van Der Brink

September 19: Clarice Elshout

September 21: Heather Van Grootheest

Greeters:

September 15: John and Barb Groeneweg

September 22: Mitch and Paige Claussen

Lunch Schedule:

September 15: Heather VG and Julie P.

September 22: Mary M. and Carolyn B.

Nursery Schedule:

September 15: Morning: Kenzie Z. and Mylie Z.

Evening: Alexis D. and Madelynn Z.

September 22: Morning: Paige C. and Rayna M.

Evening: Misty D. and Eliana P.

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8/11/19 General - \$858.00 8/11/19 Emeritus - \$1,685.00

8/18/19 General - \$973.00 8/18/19 HRC Mission - \$2,040.00

8/25/19 General- \$2,261.00

~All the LORD willing~

"The Sun"

"Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Psalm 19:5-6

This well-loved psalm provides us a glimpse of God's creative majesty: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (vv. 1-2).

Modern science has shown that the universe in which we live is really a tri-universe—a continuum of space/time/energy (or information). Thus, the first two verses of this psalm, by focusing our attention on "the heavens . . . the firmament" (space), "day . . . night" (time), and "speech . . . knowledge" (information/energy), reveal a scientific truth long before its "scientific" discovery.

There is, of course, one created source of energy that typifies this energy. Speaking of space and time, the psalmist claims, "In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun" (v. 4), which is further described in our text verses. The sun is like a bridegroom, fully dressed in wedding garb, radiating joy as he comes forth. It is also like a champion runner, fully able to run the race and gain the victory.

The sun's energy, radiating out in all directions, not only energizes the earth but the entire solar system as well. Furthermore, it is now known that the sun traverses the galaxy in a gigantic orbit with its energy bathing each part. Truly, "there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (text verse).

Only the Creator of space, time, and energy—the Creator of the sun, the solar system, the Milky Way galaxy, and the universe—could have known these things. That Creator, through the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit, is the author of this psalm. ~Dr. John D. Morris

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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