

Sunday October 6, 2019

~We welcome all who worship with us today~

Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the preached word, may the Holy Spirit draw us all to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- For Nellie Fintelman who has been placed on the liver transplant list, pray that a suitable liver donor would be found soon.
- Thanksgiving that Mrs. Joan Maassen is feeling quite well, pray for good results from medicine given to slow cancer growth, & strengthen her bones.
- Nate Villalobos, pray that the brain lesion will heal and cause no further symptoms.
- Favorable weather for harvest, and safety for our farmers in this busy season.

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves.

Following the morning service there will be coffee and fellowship. Catechism, Sunday School, and the Adult Class commence at 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: Inheritance Publishers

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

Wednesday: Mr. William Greendyk will be giving a PowerPoint presentation on the work that the *Trinitarian Bible Society* is doing in Cuba. This event will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Hope Haven gym.

Combined Office Bearers Conference: All current, former and aspiring office bearers are cordially invited to attend a combined FRC-HRC Office Bearers Conference to be held Saturday, October 19 in HRC of Burgessville, ON. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by the first topic at 10:00 a.m.

This year's theme is homosexuality, with Pastor Eric Moerdyk (Monarch AB, FRC) with an address titled "Creating a gospel culture in our churches for our members struggling with sexual identity", and Brian Schouwstra (Christian Counselling Centre) addressing "Homosexuality: How do we shepherd members of the flock?" A luncheon will be served followed by a time of interaction and Q & A.

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.

Save the Date: Our annual *Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong* will be held on Thursday, December 5. More details to follow.

October:

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

Sunday 20th: Pastor Mark Kelderman serves

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

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

November:

Sunday 3rd: *Reformation Day Commemoration Service*, morning worship

Tuesday 5th: Consistory Meeting at church, at 7:00 pm

Wednesday 6th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 6th: *Monthly Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Thursday 7th: Singing at *Pleasant Acres*, Hull at 7:15 pm

Wednesday 13th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 20th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 27th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Thursday 28th: *Thanksgiving Day*, morning worship at 9:30 am

Annual Reformation Conference & Rally is planned for November 1st & 2nd at the *Sioux Center United Reformed Church*. More details to follow

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk

Greeters:

October 6: Esther VDB, Emily P. and Leah VB

October 13: Pastor E. and Clarice

Lunch Schedule:

October 6: Becky VDB and Barb G.

October 13: Paige C. and Emily VB

Nursery Schedule:

October 6: Morning: Emily P. and Alexa Z.

Evening: Julie P. and Ava Z.

October 13: Morning: Kerri R. and Brynlie Z.

Evening: Amber Z. and Ciana Z.

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

9/01/19 General: 2,465.00

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9/08/19 General: 867.00

9/08/19 PRTS: 2,104.00

9/15/19 General: 938.00

9/15/19 Benevolent: 915.00

9/22/19 General: 828.00

9/22/19 Student Support: 3,289.00

9/29/19 General: 1,971.00

~All the LORD willing~

Christ: Our Example

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

1 Peter 2:21

Some have tried to pattern their lives after that of Jesus simply by asking in every situation, "What would Jesus do?" But in the context of our text, the primary "example" that He left us was nothing less than His own sacrificial death!

Note the context: "For this is thankworthy [same word as 'grace'], if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. . . if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, yet take it patiently, this is acceptable [also the same word as 'grace'] with God" [1 Peter 2:19-20](#).

To follow Christ's example, therefore, is to be willing to endure unjustified suffering—even defamation and persecution—with grace and patience.

But that is not all; we must also do it in silence! "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not" [1 Peter 2:23](#). "As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" [Isaiah 53:7](#).

It is a natural reaction to want to strike back at one who has slandered or injured us, especially if such an act was an insulting response to kindness. But such a "natural" reaction was not Christ's reaction. He could have called "twelve legions of angels" [Matthew 26:53](#) to His defense, but He chose to suffer in silence.

And why would He do such a thing? First, if He had *not* done so, we would have been lost in our sins forever. He "bare our sins in his own body on the tree" [1 Peter 2:24](#).

Second, He left us an example, that we "should follow his steps." He was not just silent in His sufferings; "He suffered for us!" If we would really be like Him, we must be willing to suffer quietly on behalf of others, even when they are the ones who deserve it. This is acceptable with God!

Dr. Henry 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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