

Sunday March 15, 2020

3rd week of the Passion Season

National Day of Prayer

Prayer Needs:

- God's indispensable blessing on the word and sacrament today.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- For humbled hearts of thanksgiving to the Lord for all mercies given unto us.
- 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.
- All those undergoing medical testing, under doctor's care and treatment.
- Those afflicted with seasonal illnesses, and not able to gather in God's house.
- For our nation, that we would be drawn back to God and biblical living. Pray for our president in the weighty task of leading our county.
- For all those affected by the Corona virus. Pray for those who are ill, for medical personal, for those working on treatment/prevention, and for our leaders to act with godly wisdom.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4: 16

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves.

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

The Lord's Supper will be administered this morning. All members who are needy sinners and find their hope alone in Christ Jesus are encouraged to remember the death of the Lord as his table. All nonmembers who desire to partake should first contact the consistory.

Next Lord's Day: *Congregational Prayer* at 9: 00 am.

Dr. Adriaan Neele serves. **2nd Offering:** Domestic Outreach Fund

Note: Due to the potential spread of illness we will not be having greeters, coffee or Sunday School and Catechism Class today. Also, the monthly *Singalong and Prayer* meeting for this Saturday has been cancelled.

Conference: Please join us for an evening of fellowship, learning & growing together at this year's annual *Heritage Reformed Women's Conference*. We will be gaining insights from recorded lectures by Nancy Leigh DeMoss & Jen Wilkin as well as live applications from Roelie Faasse under the theme of "*Rise and Be Rooted*". We will be learning about and discussing the necessity, how-to, and benefits of rooting ourselves in God's word. Mark your calendars for **Thursday April 23 @ 6:30PM**. The conference will be held @ *Heritage Reformed Church*, Grand Rapids. Dinner will be served. Cost of the conference is \$20 USD. Please RSVP with your payment before April 1 by calling, texting or emailing Shirley Van Dalen at 616.734.9234 or jandsvd@att.net. Checks should be written to *HRC Esther Guild*, send to Shirley at 3430 Bradford St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. If you are coming from out of town & are in need accommodations, we will be happy to help!

March:

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

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

Sunday 22nd: Dr. Adriaan Neele serves

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

Saturday 28th: *Creation Conference*, Terrace Event Center, 9:30 am

Note: The singing at *Whispering Height* on March 17 has been cancelled; as of now there is no rescheduled date.

Conference: *Reformation Gospel Ministries* will be sponsoring a creation conference on **Saturday, March 28** at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center @ 9:30 am. Speaker is Dr. Robert Carter from *Creation Ministries International*. Go to www.reformationgospelministries.org for more information.

April:

Wednesday 1st: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

Wednesday 1st: *Monthly Church Family Night*, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

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

Friday 10th: Good Friday, evening worship at 7:00 pm

Sunday 12th: Easter Sunday

Thursday 16th: Singing at *Royale Meadows*, Sioux Center at 6:30 pm

Wednesday 15th: Ladies' Bible Study (last meeting for the season)

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Wilma Koedam George & Chris Vonk Nellie Fintelman Mrs. Joan Maassen

Senior Birthday

Mrs. Henrietta Van Beek will be 87 years old on March 18

Birthdays:

March 16: Devin Vander Waal

March 18: Bruce Van Beek

Greeters:

March 22: Cal and Amber Zomer

Lunch Schedule:

March 22: Clarice E. and Leah VB

Grateful acknowledgement is given for the following collections:

2/02 General - \$2,565.00

2/02 Construction - \$2,815.00

2/09 General - \$1,279.00

2/09 Banner of Truth Tract - \$1,183.00

2/16 General - \$777.00

2/16 Student Support - \$1,357.00

2/23 General - \$1,080.00

2/23 HRC Mission - \$1,539.00

~All the LORD willing~

The Attitude of Believers to Fellow-Believers

Read: Romans 12:3-13

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*



In the first part (vv. 3-8) of this section (vv. 3-13)—the section in which Paul describes what should be the attitude of believers *to fellow-believers*—it is made clear that progressive transformation will be impossible for those who, in their arrogance, imagine that they have already arrived. “Be and remain humble,” is the essence of the exhortation. The saints must realize that the church resembles the human body, in which each part has a distinct function and none is self-sufficient. Similar is the situation in the church: each member needs the others. Each member should use his divinely imparted gift or gifts for the advantage of all the others. A list of seven gifts-functions follows, namely, that of prophesying, rendering practical service (probably in the capacity of deacon), teaching, exhorting, contributing to those in need (private benevolence), exercising leadership (probably as an elder), and showing mercy (as a visitor to the sick, etc.).

These tasks should be performed in accordance with the standard of faith (mentioned in connection with prophesying), without ulterior motive (in contributing to the needs of others), with diligence (in this manner exercising leadership), and (in connection with showing mercy) with cheerfulness (verses 3-8).

In the second part (vv. 9-13) of the same section Paul emphasizes the supreme importance of love, here especially “brotherly love.” Believers should prefer one another in honor. For further light on this see Phil. 2:3. The exercise of this virtue is possible only when believers have learned to know themselves.

This exhortation is followed by a miscellaneous group of admonitions, urging the exercise of Spirit-imparted virtues; such as enthusiasm, joy, hope, endurance, and prayer. The necessity of helping to relieve the needs of the saints is again stressed (cf. vv. 7, 8). In view of the fact that Paul will soon be starting out on his journey to Jerusalem with gifts (collected from several churches) for the poor saints in that city (Rom. 15:25; Acts 24:17), this emphasis is not surprising. Moreover, when Paul thinks about traveling—not just his own but that of many gospel witnesses—the exhortation, “given to hospitality,” fits in very well at this point. ~ *W. Hendriksen*

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