

Sunday March 8, 2020

2nd week of the Passion Season

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.
- 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.

Announcements:

Today: *Congregational Prayer* at 9:00 am. Pastor Elshout serves. Morning worship will be a Preparatory sermon, and evening worship a *Prayer Day* commemoration. Coffee and fellowship following the morning worship service.

Catechism Class, Sunday School, and Adult Class today at 11:20 - 12:10

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

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

Pastor Elshout serves. **2nd Offering:** Benevolent Fund

The Lord's Supper will be administered next Sunday 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 must first contact the consistory.

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. No child care is provided. 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!

Membership: Daniel and Danica DeMeester with their two baptized children have requested their membership papers to be transferred to Carmel Reformed Church. We commend them to the grace of God.

March:

Sunday 8th: Commemoration of annual *Prayer Day*

Wednesday 11th: Ladies' Bible Study, same time and location

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

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

Saturday 21st: Monthly *Singalong and Prayer*, Bob and Marilyn's home, 7:00 pm

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.

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

Birthdays:

March 8: Torii Van Beek

March 9: Hannah Spaans

March 13: Haidyn Vander Waal

Greeters:

March 8: Pastor and Clarice E.

March 15: Doug and Julie Post

Lunch Schedule:

March 8: Marilyn G. and Kerri R.

March 15: Amber Z. and Marlene VH

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~

"Without the shedding of blood is no remission."

Hebrews 9:22

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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This is the voice of unalterable truth. In none of the Jewish ceremonies were sins, even typically, removed without blood-shedding. In no case, by no means can sin be pardoned without atonement. It is clear, then, that there is no hope for me out of Christ; for there is no other blood-shedding which is worth a thought as an atonement for sin. Am I, then, believing in him? Is the blood of his atonement truly applied to my soul? All men are on a level as to their need of him. If we be never so moral, generous, amiable, or patriotic, the rule will not be altered to make an exception for us. Sin will yield to nothing less potent than the blood of him whom God hath set forth as a propitiation. What a blessing that there is the one way of pardon! Why should we seek another?

Persons of merely formal religion cannot understand how we can rejoice that all our sins are forgiven us for Christ's sake. Their works, and prayers, and ceremonies, give them very poor comfort; and well may they be uneasy, for they are neglecting the one great salvation, and endeavoring to get remission without blood. My soul, sit down, and behold the justice of God as bound to punish sin; see that punishment all executed upon thy Lord Jesus, and fall down in humble joy, and kiss the dear feet of him whose blood has made atonement for thee. It is in vain when conscience is aroused to fly to feelings and evidences for comfort: this is a habit which we learned in the Egypt of our legal bondage. The only restorative for a guilty conscience is a sight of Jesus suffering on the cross. "The blood is the life thereof," says the Levitical law, and let us rest assured that it is the life of faith and joy and every other holy grace.

*"Oh! how sweet to view the flowing
Of my Saviour's precious blood;
With divine assurance knowing
He has made my peace with God."*