

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY June 28, 2020

“The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.” Proverbs 15:14

Morning Service 9:30

Saul's Conversion

I. Dramatic

II. Irresistible

III. Life-Changing

Read: Acts 9:1-31

Text: Acts 9:3-6

Psalters: 51, 293, 23, 157

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

Praying for Strength in the Inner Man

I. Strengthened by the Spirit

II. Apprehending Christ's Love

III. Filled with God's Fullness

Read: Ephesians 3

Text: Ephesians 3:16-19

Psalters: 227, 73, 182, 251

Offering: **Sioux Falls PR School**

Philippine Book Fund

FROM THE COUNCIL

The council approved opening up all the pews on the east side of the sanctuary and all on the west side behind the elder's row for seating as the congregation prefers. Every other row in front of the elder's row on the west side will remain closed for those who prefer social distancing. The offering plates remain in the narthex.

We welcome Professor Kuiper to our pulpit today and thank him for his willingness to preach for us as our pastor enjoyed a time of vacation this past week with his family. Pastor Brummel is preaching at Hull PRC today.

The deacons will meet this Wednesday, July 1, at 7:00 PM.

The sacrament of baptism will be administered next Sunday morning, July 5, to Shyanne Elizabeth,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Tamminga, and to Alexander James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Hilt.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

“We would like to thank those who remembered us with thoughts, prayers, cards, meals, and words of comfort in the passing of our dear father. Our church family is truly a blessing!” - “My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved.” Psalm 62:5 & 6

-Wayne and Becky De Jong

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

First PRC in Edmonton called Rev. N. Langerak (Crete PRC).

Rev. R. Kleyn (Covenant of Grace PRC) declined the call from Cornerstone PRC (Dyer, IN).

Unity PRC called Rev. G. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC). He plans to answer this call July 12.

Kalamazoo PRC has formed a new trio of Rev. S. Key (Loveland PRC), Rev. R. Kleyn (Covenant of Grace PRC), and Rev. C. Spronk (Faith PRC). They plan to call from this trio on July 5.

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

Ladies of the congregation, please join us as we celebrate new additions to our church family tomorrow evening, June 29, at 7:00 PM. We will be hosting a combined shower for Jori Eriks (fiancé of Steven Brummel) and Shyanne Tamminga (daughter of Jordan and Brianna) on Monday evening, June 29 at 7:00 PM. If anyone would still like to contribute to a gift card, please contact Ellen Brummel as soon as possible.

The annual society meeting of Trinity Christian High School is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 7:30 PM. The board presents the following nominees: Jeff Baker, Lane Brummel, Brad De Boer and Dan Poppema. Retiring board members are Craig Hoksbergen and Seth Vis.

Save the Date! The church picnic has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 1. Watch for more details to come!

WEALTH Bible Study is planning to begin again this fall, the Lord willing. Lori Hoogendoorn was voted in as our new secretary. Joan Kooima moves to president, and Kim De Jager remains our treasurer.

Anyone interested in assisting with leading our small groups is encouraged to contact Joan Kooima.

The Young Calvinists will be holding a Virtual Young People's Gathering via Zoom on August 8 from 11 AM-5 PM. As a small replacement for convention, this will feature a lecture on heaven by Prof. Gritters, mixer games, discussion groups and more! There will also be an indoor and outdoor singspiration at Fair Haven on Sunday, August 9 at 8 PM. Sign up for one or both before July 20 at the link: <https://forms.gle/vhpopvBpDUUYi8bQ8>.

Follow our blog (youngcalvinists.org), Facebook, or Instagram for more upcoming details.

Save the date for a singles' conference! Lord willing, we will host another three-day event in the Grand Rapids area, September 25-27, for singles ages 25+. The weekend will include two speeches, a discussion group, and several social activities. Plan to attend and be encouraged and edified by other like-minded singles! Stay tuned for more details.

Offerings next week: AM: General & Benevolent Funds
PM: Building Fund & Edmonton Emmanuel PR School

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday @ 8:00 A.M. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM – Today, Rev. Audred Spriensma finishes his series on the church's mission with “O Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings” Isaiah 40:9. Next week, Rev. Spriensma will begin a series on the covenant with “Enoch Walks With God” Genesis 5:22-24.

Ushers: June AM: Jacob P, Nathan S, Jordan T
PM: Ethan VB, Nick VB, Trent VB
July AM: Craig VV, Justin VV, Zach VG
PM: Tyler VE, Brian VM, Daniel VM

Sound Booth: Today: Randy K
Next week: Steven B

Nursery: There will not be nursery attendants.

QUOTES FOR CONTEMPLATION

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13

We are taught in this passage that the ascended Christ gives the gift of pastor/teacher and then uses the gift of pastor/teacher to bring the body to “the unity of faith,” and to the “knowledge of the Son of God.” The “unity of the faith” refers to the one faith (4:5) concerning the Son of God and to the knowledge of this Son of God. The essential truth believed by all saints out of every age and culture concerns the person of the Savior. Each saint grasps by faith the knowledge that the Son of God is united with man in the wonder of the incarnation, and that He perfectly fulfilled God's plan of salvation.

This knowledge is much more than intellectual. It must be a deeper and more profound knowledge. The work of the pastor is to bring us to this fuller knowledge, for it is essential to the building up of the body. This is the knowledge of God's love for us and of us for Him. It is the calling of the church, through its ordained office of pastor/teacher, to direct the attention of the members toward Christ. It is Christ who must be known and loved.

So Christ ascended in order to give the gift of the pastor/teacher, so that they, through their instructional preaching, might equip each member of the local congregation to be able and willing to serve the other members, unto the goal of the building up of the body of Christ. This work must be done until our Lord returns.

Praise the Lord for the gift of pastor/teacher!!

-R. Van Overloop (“The Gift of Pastors” *The Standard Bearer* Issue: 14, 4/15/2004)