

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS AND NOTICES ...

Thanksgiving for Logan's lab results this past week as they showed everything stable and/or improved.

On Tuesday evening our pastor will lead the 'prayer service' for the Classis meeting, to be held on Wednesday, June 3, DV. Since some delegates may feel nervous about meeting together again due to the Corona-19 virus, we **may** encourage the congregation to listen along from home as the service will be broadcasted as usual. This allows for more social distancing within the sanctuary.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be an office-bearers' conference at 3:30 PM which is open only to office-bearers. On Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM, the Classis will convene. The Classis meeting on Wednesday is open to all male-members, except when personal matters on the agenda are dealt with.

Farewell Service

The farewell service is scheduled to take place on the evening of June 14. Our church family gathering will move to June 13 and will be organized as a church picnic, mostly likely again at Long Lake Park. Ross and Evelyn have volunteered again to coordinate this event along with other volunteers. If you need transportation, please call either Ross or Evelyn. More details will be posted.

After the farewell service, Michelle, David and I will still spend a few weeks within the USA, visiting families as well as serving a few congregations in the Classis. If Michelle's passport issue isn't resolved, which will hinder us to travel off to New Zealand on July 7, we hope to be back again for as long as needed in Waupun.

Church Volunteers Needed

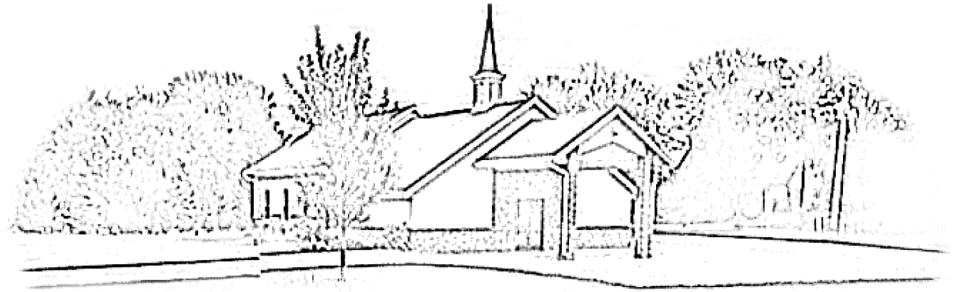
As Michelle prints bulletin and plays organ each Sunday, we are looking to find someone who can fill those spots once she leaves. Vicky has signed up for cleaning the church. We thank Michelle for the wonderful job she has done all these years!

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Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Lord's Day, May 31, 2020



*We have thought of thy loving kindness,
O God, in the midst of thy temple.*

Psalms 48:9

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Church Website:
www.nrcwaupun.org

Service Times

Sunday Morning – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening – 6:00 pm

Sunday Services Live streamed

*It is a joy to welcome you all,
and especially any guests who join us from elsewhere today.
May the Lord bless us all with His nearness in grace.*

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17).

With these words one can apprehend God as He is to be apprehended. You do not seek Him; rather He seeks you. He pictures His Son before you as a Saviour and not as a Judge. Thus there is developed for you a refuge in the Father.

If I picture Christ as only a judge, I shall fear Him. The result will be that soon I am constrained before Him, grow afraid of Him and then hate Him, and my heart becomes corrupt and blasphemous. But when I know Him as the Gospel pictures Him, and long for Him as the best friend that my heart can choose, then it is well. Love soon follows. No friend can do as much for us as He has. I forget father and mother and love Him; then I have a strong confidence in Him.

But if one simply fears Him, then that one falls back on his good works and makes no recognition of Christ as mediator, thinking to run into the presence of God without Him. In this way he works his own ruin. It is with him as the psalmist says of the fools and godless, Ps 53: 5: "There were they in great fear, where no fear was." And in Prov. 28:1, Solomon says: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as a lion."

For their stubborn hearts are afraid before Christ, though He is still their best friend. They run when no one pursues, solely because of their stubborn and false conception of Christ. Then learn from this the lesson to know Christ aright and to hold Him between yourself and the Father. Let Him alone be the sacrifice which shall secure heaven and salvation. Oh, when this passage comes to mind in the hour of death, when the test comes, what comfort to meditate on its message — how the Lord came not to condemn the world, but to save it. He who believes, cannot be lost, but will be saved, since it is true that nothing accomplishes our salvation except Christ alone, who came to be our Saviour. Then believe on Him. In the words we are studying, He calls everybody, and even threatens as well as calls, concluding thus, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18)."

M. Luther

Tithes and Gifts

May 31: General Fund will be collected and Mission Fund will be collected in the box by the front entry.

From Your Consistory...

Dates: All meetings at 7:00 PM, Lord willing and we live.

June 2	Classis Midwest Office-bearer's Conference (3 PM)
June 2	Classis Midwest Prayer Service
June 3	Classis Midwest (9 AM)
June 6	LIFT Clubs Kickball Game—McCune Park (3 PM)
June 9	Consistory meeting
June 13	Church Picnic
June 14	Farewell (PM)

Church Service Protocols

1. Wearing a mask is your individual choice.
2. Sitting as family-groups each service is recommended.
3. If possible, doors and windows remain open to aid ventilation.
4. To avoid touching things, you could bring your own Bible or Psalters as they will not be wiped on Sunday.
5. Collections are received at the end of the service at the exit doors
6. Minimize congregating in the foyer area upon exiting the sanctuary out of consideration for those who want to maintain maximum social distance. Alternatively, exist via the front door by the piano.
7. Stay home when you have a persistent cough or feel unwell out of consideration of others.

Men's Member Meeting Results

The following decisions were made at the men members' meeting:

1. Rev. H. Brons was called to be our pastor and teacher.
2. After becoming vacant, once the technology is in place, we will trial listening to an 'audio sermon' from one of our ministers instead of a read sermon. The service will be led as usual by one of the elders but instead of him reading a sermon, the congregation will listen to a preached sermon broadcast via the speaker system. This will be done in one of the Sunday services (alternating between morning or evening) for one month (4 Sundays). After one month trial period, this method will be re-evaluated by the congregation and it will be decided either to continue or discontinue it.
3. To encourage ministers (from overseas particularly) to come for two consecutive Sundays while making a few pastoral visits during the days of their stay in the area, it was decided to cover the traveling cost of his accompanying spouse.

Nursery Schedule

May 31:

Morning: Alayne Stelsel

Evening: Cherith Touw

June 7:

Morning: Julia Touw/Molly Koepsell

Evening: Alayne Stelsel