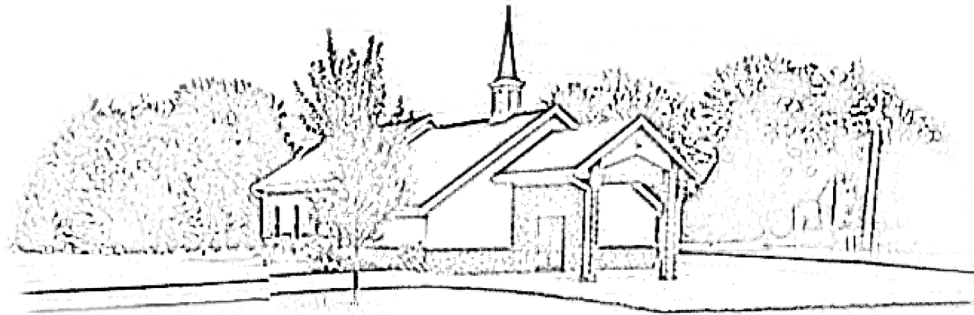


Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Lord's Day, April 26, 2020



*We have thought of thy loving kindness,
O God, in the midst of thy temple.
Psalm 48:9*

W10890 Dead End Road
Waupun, Wisconsin

Church Website:
www.nrcwaupun.org

Service Times

Sunday Morning – 9:30 am

Sunday Evening – 6:00 pm

Sunday Services Live streamed

May the Lord bless us all with His nearness in grace.

*“They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do?”
Acts 2:37*

The Holy Ghost does not like to speak of Himself, but comes to make room for Christ. How does the Holy Ghost make sinners feel the need of the Lord Jesus? By letting them truly know their sins and the need of a Saviour. Think of what happened when the Holy Ghost was poured out on Pentecost. The Apostle Peter explained to the people that the Holy Ghost had come with great power and that they had crucified the Lord Jesus, of whom Joel the prophet had spoken. They had killed their own Messiah! With the guidance of the Holy Ghost, Peter made it very clear what the people had done to God, to Christ, and to themselves! He tried to drive his point home and the Spirit applied the message, so that many felt the arrow of God shot into their very hearts. “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” they cried out. After that, the apostle spoke of the Lord Jesus and 3,000 gladly received the Word of God. Never would anyone have received the Word if the Holy Ghost would not have made room for Christ. Can people believe in Christ without the work of the Spirit? No, without the saving work of God the Holy Ghost, people may believe historically, or maybe people would believe in a wonder. A temporary faith would be possible, but not a saving faith. King Agrippa believed the Scriptures and nine lepers believed the Lord Jesus could heal them, but we need more than that. Room needs to be made and Christ needs to be revealed to our hearts. When the Spirit opens our ears, we hear His voice. When He opens the eyes of faith, we see something of Him that we will never forget. Through Him, faith becomes real and Christ becomes precious.

P. Van Ruitenburg

FROM YOUR CONSISTORY

Dates

April 30	Consistory meeting
May 7	National Prayer Day Evening Service
May 21	Ascension Day Service
June 7	Farewell (PM)

This Sunday our messages will again be online via *Mixlr* on our church website (nrcwaupun.org) and on Sermon Audio, both as an audio or video web-cast. Hopefully, this coming week we will receive a better video camera to provide a better quality recording of the worship services.

For those who don't have good internet connections, you are also able to call in **directly to sermon audio**. Follow these three steps:

- (1) Call sermon audio at 1-712-432-3410
- (2) You will then be asked to make a choice. Choose option 2 by pressing 2.
- (3) You will then be asked to enter the Church ID Code. Our Waupun NRC Church ID Code is: 42269

In case neither of the above two are adequate, contact our pastor during the week to be added to a 'direct phone call' from his phone on Sunday. He puts his phone directly on the pulpit and is able to make a conference call to several at the same time. This needs to be arranged before Sunday so please call him on time.

● HOLY WAR STUDY #12 (MAY 13)

In order to follow these studies, it remains a necessity to read ahead of time these assigned pages. The topics are live on our church website. May the Lord God add His blessing.

In the unabridged book, start at page 200-end. In the abridged book, start at page 305-end. The 12th session will be the concluding session on this study.

● Collections

The offerings can be sent via a check to James Ruissen so that we can continue to meet the operating expenses of the congregation. James' address is W11301 Amity Rd, Brandon, WI 53919.

April 26: General Fund

May 3: General and Building Fund

May 10: General Fund

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS AND NOTICES ...

- If you know anyone who is facing financial struggles, please share this so we can carry the burdens together. Let's make use of the phone-lines to make frequent phone calls to each other.
- Remember in prayer, Logan Ruissen with his chronic kidney disease.
- Besides various businesses suffering, our dairy farmers are experiencing increasing hardship as their milk prices tumbled and milk demand is far less than the supply. How we as a nation are going to carry these economic costs together is hard to over-see, but let us as much as possible take care of each other and others around us.
- Besides the Coronavirus, Ethiopia faces a second wave of devastating locusts which is feared to be more than 20 times worse than the first one. Countries with already unsettled political and economical situations are hit so much harder with the current pandemic than we are. Those facts should help us all to smile instead of grumble. It is joyful sight to see the farmers preparing their fields for the sowing of seed. There is still so much to be thankful for. A thankful heart is a continual feast.

***** ALL THE LORD WILLING *****

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