

Tithes and Gifts

June 14: General fund will be collected and building fund will be in the collection box.

June 21: General fund will be collected and Trinitarian Bible Society will be in the box.

June 28: General fund will be collected.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS AND NOTICES ...

Remember the persecuted church....

●West African killing spree targets Christians:

In Burkina Faso, jihadists killed 58 people in three separate attacks on May 29 and 30. One attack was on a convoy taking food to a camp of displaced villagers, mainly Christians, who had fled previous jihadi violence. A survivor, who had been travelling in an ambulance, recalled how the attackers had left that particular vehicle alone, not because it was an ambulance but because the driver had shouted: "Forgive, forgive, we are also followers of the prophet Muhammad." One of the gunmen turned to his fellows saying, "They have the same religion as us," and the ambulance was left unharmed

●"If anything happens to my pastor, I will not fear. I will take charge of Pastor's work and serve the Lord!" This brave declaration was made by Samaru Madkami, aged 14, from Odisha State, India. He had good reason to expect his pastor to die, as Christians in their area face hostility and violence from extremists in the Hindu majority. Samaru's father, a church elder, had received death threats.

But it was Samaru himself who was abducted and brutally murdered by the extremists, not long after he had made his courageous pledge. He went missing on June 4 and his body was found two days later. The gang who killed him also tried to seize a cousin of Samaru's but, being older and stronger, the cousin managed to get away.

"Samaru was a passionate Christian," said his pastor, recalling how the boy had energetically shared the Gospel with other young people and children in the village.

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!

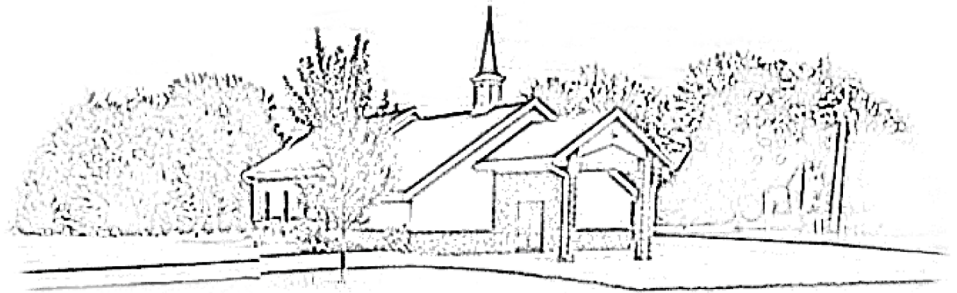
*** ALL THE LORD WILLING ***

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Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Lord's Day, June 14, 2020



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

Psalm 48:9

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Waupun, Wisconsin

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.*

He said unto him, "Follow Me."
John 21:19b

This was Christ's command to Peter after He had restored him into his office. It is the command to follow Him. By nature we follow Satan, the world, sin, and our own opinion and will. "We have turned everyone to his own way." (Isa. 53:6)

It is only by sovereign grace that our enmity is conquered and we may be brought upon God's way. But this remains necessary, also by renewal. God has a willing people in the day of His power.

In this word, 'follow Me', is the demand to leave all, deny ourselves, and to surrender to His leading. There is also comfort in this way. The pilgrim must go in His path, however dark and impossible it may seem to be. To them He has given His promise in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee the way thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye."

Blessed are those who may follow Him. Of Him we read in Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

There is yet place on this way, also for the young people. The world may promise much to you and seems to offer you many pleasures, but these will leave you empty and unhappy. Seek then the Lord and live!

They will not be ashamed who put their trust in Him.

Rev. C. Vogelaar

From Your Consistory...

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

June 14 Farewell (PM)

July 11 Annual Church Cleaning Day (8:00 AM)

July 24 LIFT Club Kickball Evening

THANK YOU!

Nearly seven years have passed since our family was welcomed in Waupun! Where has this time gone? Children were born and baptized. Young children have grown up into teenagers. Young men and women, as well as older ones, make confession of faith. Young couples get married and are blessed with children. Gladly, none of the youth were taken by death, yet precious family members were buried over the years. People and families came and went.

Throughout these years we have woven our lives together as we shared joy and sadness. It is this which makes parting feel like tearing apart. Beloved congregation, our family feels a deep gratitude for all you have done for us in these years. It is always tempting to mention names, but it is also dangerous for it is so easy to overlook one or more, or there are those who have given without being seen. Therefore, we will keep our words of thanks general and 'if the shoe fits, put it on!' Be assured that all of you who have enriched our lives during the years of our living in Waupun, are warmly remembered as we travel on (again) to the other side of our world.

The world feels 'big' and the distance to the bottom half of the southern hemisphere seems daunting. However, distances don't need to end the relationships and sometimes they can even be deepened if you continue to communicate. We invite you all, if providence opens the door and supplies the means, to 'pop around' (a New Zealand expression) in Carterton. At this point we hope to move back into the parsonage, but now with only one child instead of 9. So there are a number of spare bedrooms to lodge you!

A cheaper version of continuing connections is via the digital channels or Whatsapp. Michelle's e-mail stays the same: michelle.vergunst@gmail.com, but Pastor's e-mail has changed to atvergunst@outlook.com. We will let you know what the new phone numbers are once we have settled in New Zealand. Our address will be 27 Deller Drive, Carterton, 5713, New Zealand.

One truth that we need to remind each other of is the words of the following quote: *We don't know what holds the future, but we do know **Who** holds the future.* The cause of God's kingdom in Waupun is not in the hands of men but in the hands of the exalted Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May the Lord continue to anchor our hearts by faith in that solid truth of Psalter 134:3, *For God as our own God forever will abide, and till life's journey close in death will be our faithful guide.* With those words, let's commend each other to Him Who has been our dwelling place in all generations. Let Moses' closing phrase in Ps. 90 be our continual continual prayer, *"And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.* (Ps. 90:17)

The Vergunst family