

Lift Club

The LIFT club leaders will discuss dates this week as to when we will meet again in our groups.

Nursery Schedule

May 17:

Morning: Emily Koepsell

Evening: Alayne Stelsel

Prayer Requests and Notices...

The persecution and violence inflicted on Christians continued unabated. Keeping these little tidbits before our eyes, it is to keep reminding us that many who seek to follow the Lord and do His work, are facing constant danger. Below is one of the many stories that come from organizations like Barnabas Aid or Voice of the Martyrs. Let these highlights kindle pray in our hearts daily to remember fellow believers in the body of Christ.

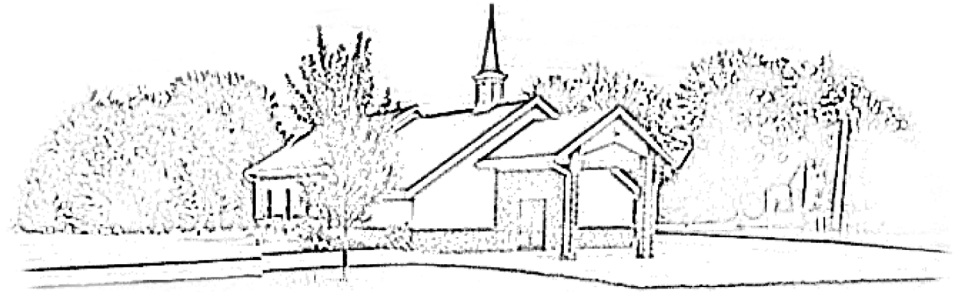
Three heavily armed Fulani militants broke into a Christian high school in Plateau State, Nigeria and shot its headmaster, Pastor Bayo Famonure, his wife, and two sons as they took part in evening prayers on May 5. Carrying AK47s and machetes, the gunmen stormed the family's quarters at Messiah College Mission, Gana Ropp, and demanded money from the pastor. When he replied there was no money, they shot him in the head and leg, and left him for dead. His wife, Naomi, was shot in the back, and their sons, Adua and Victor, were shot in the feet. The gunmen then fled. The family was taken to hospital where Naomi underwent surgery to remove a bullet in her back, which had missed her spinal cord and other vital organs by inches. The pastor said in a text to friends that the family's escape was a "miracle". "Yes, [I was] shot in the head but bullet didn't enter. [I was] shot in my feet but missed the bones. Just praise God," he wrote. The injured pastor and his wife are well known for their work at the school, where Naomi is director of educational services. Barnabas Fund has supported Agape Mission, run by the couple, which provides education for Christian children displaced by militant violence, many of them orphans. The Mission, with Barnabas' help, also worked to rebuild 42 houses and a church that were destroyed in a brutal Fulani militant attack on villages in Gana Ropp in 2018, that left more than 50 dead including a pastor and his family who were burnt to death in their home. This attack is the latest in a series of assaults on Christian communities in Plateau and Kaduna states by Fulani militants.

On May 3, four members of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) were ambushed and killed as they travelled from Kwell village to Miango Town, in Plateau State. At least ten Christians were killed and twelve taken hostage in Kaduna State on April 23 and 25.

*** ALL THE LORD WILLING ***

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Lord's Day, May 16, 2020



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

Psalms 48:9

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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.*

The Comforter

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.—Romans 15:30

It is curious to remark, that wherever the Holy Ghost is spoken of in the Bible, He is spoken of in terms of gentleness and love. We often read of the wrath of God the Father, as in Romans 1:18 'The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.' And we often read of the wrath of God the Son: 'Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way'; or 'Revealed from heaven taking vengeance.' But we nowhere read of the wrath of God the Holy Ghost.

He is compared to a dove, the gentlest of all creatures. He is warm and gentle as the breath: 'Jesus breathed on them, and said, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.' He is gentle as the falling dew: 'I will be as the dew unto Israel.' He is soft and gentle as oil; for He is called, 'The oil of gladness.' The fine oil wherewith the high priest was anointed was a type of the Spirit. He is gentle and refreshing as the springing well: 'The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life.' He is called 'The Spirit of grace and of supplications.'

He is nowhere called the Spirit of wrath. He is called the 'Holy Ghost, which is the Comforter.' Nowhere is he called the Avenger. We are told that He groans within the heart of the believer, 'helping his infirmities'; so that He greatly helps the believer in prayer. We are told also of the love of the Spirit—nowhere of the wrath of the Spirit. We are told of His being grieved: 'Grieve not the Holy Spirit'; of His being resisted: 'Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost'; of His being quenched: 'Quench not the Spirit.' But these are all marks of gentleness and love.

Nowhere will you find one mark of anger or of vengeance attributed to Him; and yet, brethren, when this blessed Spirit begins His work of love, mark how He begins—He convinces of sin. Even He, all-wise, almighty, all-gentle and loving though he be, cannot persuade a poor sinful heart to embrace the Saviour, without first opening up His wounds and convincing him that he is lost.

Robert MCheyne

Tithes and Gifts

May 17: General Fund and Mission Fund

May 24: General Fund

From Your Consistory...

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

May 17	Public Confession of Faith (AM)
May 17	Sing-A-Long after evening service
May 21	Ascension Day Service
May 24	Holy Baptism (AM)
May 26	Men Member's Meeting
May 27	Holy War Topic #13
May 30	Men's Breakfast (place will be announced)
June 13	Church Picnic
June 14	Farewell (PM)

Church Services

As the WI Supreme Court decision cancelled the various orders regarding 'stay-at-home,' the consistory decided that it was now legitimate again to gather as a congregation. However, it is sensible to do all we can to prevent the spread of this virus that still is around. Therefore, let's respect the sensible approach to minimize the risk of spreading the disease that has claimed many thousands of lives and still is far from understood or managed. Though we all dislike the idea of 'social distancing' to continue, it is only wise to maintain reasonable practices that will minimize actual physical contact.

One way we can eliminate contact is by moving the collection to the conclusion of our service. The deacons will position themselves at the exit doors and you can then deposit your tithes and offerings in the collection plate without needing to hand it through each hand.

If the weather is good, let's congregate outside to reflect upon the message we heard, rather than stand tightly together in the front hall.

Lastly, as always has been the good practice, stay at home when you don't feel well or when you are in fragile health.

Holy War Study #13 (May 27)

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 220 - end. In the abridged book, start at page 339 - end. This session will be the concluding one on this study.

Farewell Service

The farewell service will now take place on the evening of June 14. That also means that our church family gathering will move to June 13 and will be organized as a church picnic, most likely again at Long Lake Park as it was last year. Ross and Evelyn have volunteered again to coordinate this event along with other volunteers. More details will be posted soon.