# May 13, 2018

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** We hope to have a morning Ascension Day reading service and an evening catechism service. Rev. Brugge is in Rock Valley at 2:00 p.m.

**Next Week:** We hope to have a morning catechism service and a 2:30 p.m. Pentecost service with Student de Leeuw.

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund Next week: 1<sup>st</sup> General Fund 2<sup>nd</sup> Living Bread 2<sup>nd</sup> School Fund

# We Remember in Prayer:

- -Mrs. Elizabeth Spaans, who commemorated her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday this past Wednesday, May 9.
- -Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, any others who are unable to gather with us today, are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.
- -We ask the Lord to be with the graduates from our congregation. (*Please let us know if we have overlooked anyone.*)
  - -Maria Hoogendoorn
  - -Alyssa Magnuson

### **MEDITATIONS**

Oh, look well to your faith. A mere intellectual illumination, or an historical belief of the facts of the Bible, will never place the soul beyond the reach of hell, nor within the reach of heaven. There is a "form of knowledge," as well as a "form of godliness;" and both existing apart from vital religion in the soul, constitute a "vain religion." Again I press upon you the important inquiry, "Have you the "faith of God's elect?" Is it rooted in Christ? Has it transformed you, in some degree, into the opposite of what you once were?

Are any of the "precious fruits" of the Spirit put forth in your life? Is Jesus precious to your soul? Is walking humbly with God the desire of your heart? If there is no sorrow for sin, no going out of yourself to Jesus, no fruits of holiness appearing in some degree, then yours is but a "dead faith."

~Octavius Winslow

### THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The fear of the Lord our days will prolong, In trouble afford a confidence strong, Will keep us from sinning, will prosper our ways, And is the beginning of wisdom and grace.

The fear of the Lord is soundness and health; A treasure well stored with heavenly wealth; A fence against evil, by which we resist World, flesh, and the devil and imitate Christ.

The fear of the Lord is lowly and meek;
The happy reward of all that him seek;
They only that fear him the truth can discern,
For, living so near him, his secrets they learn.

The fear of the Lord confirms a good hope; By this are restored the senses that droop; The deeper it reaches, the more the soul thrives; It gives what it teaches, and guards what it gives.

The fear of the Lord forbids us to yield;
It sharpens our sword and strengthens our shield.
Then cry we to heaven, with one loud accord,
That to us be given the fear of the Lord.

~ J. Hart

For the young Christian -There are three indispensable disciplines -the Word, Prayer, and Separation.

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In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:6

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.