

***THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - January 4, 2009***

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>The First Deacons</b>                  I. Their Work                  II. Their Qualifications                  III. Their Installation  <b>Scripture:</b> Acts 6, I Timothy 3  <b>Text:</b> Acts 6:1-8  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 193, 112, 19, 21</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>The Summary of the Law</b>                  I. Its Emphasis                  II. Its Demand                  III. Its Importance  <b>Scripture:</b> Matthew 21  <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 34, Q&amp;A 92-93  <b>Psalter:</b> 7, 325, 260, 81</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS Today:</b> a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund                  p.m. General Fund, Foreign Missions  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolent Fund, Church Evangelism  <b>USHERS Today:</b> Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter  <b>Next Week:</b> Bart Zandstra, Ed DeBoer  <b>NURSERY Today:</b> a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Erika Heystek                  p.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore  <b>Next Week:</b> a.m. Mrs. Judy Buitter, Jocelyn DeBoer                  p.m. Mrs. Leshia Kuiper  <b>TRANSPORTATION Today:</b> Mr. H. Kuiper <b>Next Week:</b> Mr. H. VanderMeulen</p>	

We welcome all who worship with us today and pray that you might be blessed under the preaching of the Gospel

***Congregational Announcements***

**Installation:** The installation of office bearers takes place this morning, the Lord willing. Mr. Henry VanderMeulen is to be installed into the office of elder and Mr. Stephen Dykstra into the office of deacon. Pray that God might impart to these men the wisdom and grace they need to faithfully serve the church and Christ. Mr. Henry Buitter and Mr. John B. Tolsma are retiring office bearers. We thank them for their faithful work!

**Consistory Meeting:** The Consistory meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

**Family Visitation:** Family visitation continues this week. The theme is from Proverbs 23:23: "Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding." The elders will arrange times with the families who are yet to be visited.

**Young People's Society:** It's time to pay your dues! Please pay your \$16 dues to our treasurer, Carissa. Thanks!

**Young People's Society:** Pick up study sheets in the narthex this morning to prepare for our study tonight of the topic: "Seeking God's Will for My Life".

***Our Church Family***

Mrs. VanDenTop has not been feeling well of late. Please pray for her that she may be able once again to worship with us. Mrs. Kelley has also been unable to worship with us for some time. Remember to pray for her and her needs. "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

Pray for Mr. VanDyken and Mr. John Tolsma, Sr., who experience the frailties of age. May they continue to confess that "the LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation." (Psalm 118:14).

*"As we continue our pilgrimage, as a family we would like to thank each of you who has supported and upheld us during this time that we mourn the loss of our loved one, Jack Den Hartog. Truly God has blessed us in granting us the fellowship of the saints during this time of sadness. May He continue to uphold us and strengthen us in the days that lie ahead. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15. Chris Den Hartog, Calvin and Bethany Den Hartog, Mark and Julie Vanden Berg"*

***Requested Announcements***

**CCS Board Meeting:** Covenant Christian School Board meets next week Monday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting.

**CCS Ladies Aid Meeting:** Covenant Christian Ladies Aid meets next week Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

**Retreat:** Loveland PRC (CO) will be hosting a young adults retreat (post-high through 30) March 16-19, 2009, D.V. Rev. R. Miersma and Rev. Haak speak on "The Mature Christian", focusing on I Cor. 13:11,12. Registration forms are being accepted through February 7, 2009. They can be downloaded at [http://www.prc.org/current/News\\_Update/retreatregform20081.htm](http://www.prc.org/current/News_Update/retreatregform20081.htm). If you have any questions, please email [lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com).

**Teacher Needed:** Trinity Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, seeks to add a full time teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. We desire a teacher with math credentials but will consider all worthy candidates. Contact administrator Jim Regnerus at [TCHS@hickorytech.net](mailto:TCHS@hickorytech.net), 1-712-439-1921. P.O. Box 562, Hull, IA 51239 or Perry Van Egdome at [vanegdom@hickorytech.net](mailto:vanegdom@hickorytech.net), 1-712-726-3545.

**Teacher Needed:** The Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School in Doon, IA, is seeking to fill our administrator / 6, 7 & 8 grade teacher position. Experienced teachers/administrators, new graduates, or those teachers who would be willing to obtain their administration certification are encouraged to apply. Interested parties may contact Floyd Van Den Top at [fvdt@alliancecom.net](mailto:fvdt@alliancecom.net) or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at [milovb@hickorytech.net](mailto:milovb@hickorytech.net) or (712) 726-3151.

**Teacher Needed:** The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham, Ontario plans to start a Protestant Reformed school in September 2009, Lord willing. We are seeking an elementary teacher to teach a class of 16 students of grades K-6. Volunteer assistance will be available. We are also seeking a teacher for a class of 9 students of grades 7-12. Teaching will be assisted by online curriculum for the upper grades. For more information contact board vice president Mr. Harvey Kikkert at (519)523-4823 or email [hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca)

***Our Church in Fellowship***

**Young People's Society** meets tonight, with study on the topic: "Seeking God's Will For My Life".

Study sheets are available in the narthex. Darren, Derek, Steven, and Erika serve.

**Young Adult's Society** meets next week.

**Catechism:** Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 13, memory work  
 9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 13, memory work,

written work

10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 13, memory verse,

written work

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 36, written work

8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 20, written work

**Bible Study:** Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 3:13-ff (at the parsonage)

Thursday 8:00 p.m. II Peter 3:11-ff (in church basement; snacks -

Joanna)

***Calendar of the Week***

	Sunday	after evening service	Young People's
Society	Monday	7:30 p.m.	Consistory
Meeting	Tuesday	morning	Catechism
	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Wednesday	evening	Catechism
	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study

***Church News***

**Call:** Doon PRC (IA) has called Rev. Smit to be missionary to the Philippines.

**Trio:** Calvary PRC (IA) trio: Rev. Eriks, Rev. Langarak, and Rev. Smit.

**From the Contact Committee:** A delegation of Prof. B. Gritters and Mr. Pete VanderSchaaf left this past Thursday to travel to Northern Ireland to conduct church visitation with our sister church there, Covenant PRC. They plan to be there from January 2-12, during which time Prof. Gritters will also be preaching in Ballymena and giving a lecture in Limerick. May the Lord bless them and their work.

### **Quotes to Consider**

**“A Shepherd’s Spirit”:** *“The true shepherd spirit is an amalgam of many precious graces. He is hot with zeal, but he is not fiery with passion. He is gentle, and yet he rules his class. He is loving, but he does not wink at sin. He has power over the lambs, but he is not domineering or sharp. He has cheerfulness, but not levity; freedom, but not license; solemnity, but not gloom.” -C. Spurgeon*

**For the New Year:** *“Let it be your great concern this year to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of God and our Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Pet. 3:10-18). Seek to get some spiritual good from everything that may happen this year, and enter into the gracious design of God, which is to render everything conducive to your real and eternal welfare. (Phil. 4, Rom. 8:28). Let the failings of past years be instructive for the future, as showing how you are likely to be ensnared, and to be led into temptation. (Matt. 26:41). Endeavor to make the trials through which you have passed, and the help you have obtained from God, a ground of confidence and hope for the future. (Psalm. 116). Do not anticipate evils that may never happen, but calmly and confidently trust yourselves, your concerns, your families, your all, to the care and keeping of your heavenly Father. (Matt. 6:25-34). Remember that though you may not die this year, you must die some time, and therefore never let the subject be long absent from your minds. ...Feel yourself a stranger and pilgrim upon earth! Be ever looking on with faith and hope to the time when you shall die and go home to God! (Psalm. 90. Eccles. 12. 2 Cor. 5:1-4).” -J. James*

**Evil Listening:** *“Beware of evil listening! Those who receive tales about others, who delight to hear of the failings of their brethren, encourage evil speakers in their sin and are partakers of their guilt. “The north wind driveth away rain: so doeth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue” (Proverbs 25:23). The Christian is not only bidden to abstain from all evil speaking himself, but is required to discourage this sin in others by frowning on it and endeavoring to disapprove it. Slanders would not be so readily spoken as they are if they were not so readily heard.” -A. Pink*

**Choosing:** *“Choose you this day whom ye will serve...” (Joshua 24:15) Every day, every moment, a every step, in very thought, desire, purpose, (men) must let the conscious choice of God or mammon dominate their entire life, with respect both to themselves and their houses. The reason is, of course, that man must serve. ...He always serves - either God or mammon. (Matt. 6:24).” -H. Hoeksema*

**Reformed Witness Hour:** KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m.

January 4 - “Ye Are the Light of the World” (Matthew 5:14-16) Rev. Haak