

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - January 13, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. A Doxology of Praise I. The Meaning II. The Reason III. The Possibility Scripture: Ephesians 1 Text: Ephesians 1:3 Psalter #'s: 374, 140, 262, 284</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Contending for the Faith I. The Necessity II. The Meaning III. The Motive Scripture: Jude 1 Text: Jude 1:3 Psalter #'s: 403, 384, 253, 174</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Church Evangelism Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Trinitarian Bible Society</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra Next Week: Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitter</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Mandy Hanko p.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Caira VanderMeulen Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore, Erika Heystek p.m. Mrs. Judy Buitter, Amanda Heystek</p>	
<p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Kuiper Next Week: Mr. H. Buitter</p>	

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

Congregational Announcements

Welcome!: We welcome Rev. Houck to our fellowship this morning! Rev. Houck preaches for us this week and next, the Lord willing. Rev. Hanko is in Calvary PRC in Hull, IA filling a classical appointment.

Lord's Supper: The Consistory has postponed the Lord's Supper one week, to be celebrated February 3. Preparatory will be January 27, the Lord willing.

From the Consistory: Thank you for the outpouring of giving to the recent Covenant Christian School collection. The total came to the amount of \$4396.65. What a blessing it is to have such love, support, and unity for our school! May our faithful Father grant to us many more years of covenant Christian education. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." Psalm 145:3,4 . Continue to remember all the work of the school in your prayers.

From TBS: New 2008 calendars from the Trinitarian Bible Society are available in the narthex. Please pick one up, they are free for the taking, and be reminded of the good work the TBS does in preserving and distributing the King James version.

Church Membership: The papers of Judah Finney have been sent to him at his request.

Coffee Time: Ladies, you're invited come to the parsonage for coffee Thursday, from 10:00-11:30 am.

Singing: Come for singing at the Health Care Center this week Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

From the Deacons: The offering totals for November, 2007, are as follows:

General Fund \$ 6,764.96	Covenant Christian School \$ 1,046.82	Standard Bearer \$ 91.10
Church Evangelism \$ 160.23	Heidelberg Christian School \$ 132.06	PR Special Ed. \$ 465.75

Our Church Family

Please remember Jack and Chris DenHartog in your prayers as Jack continues to struggle with his health. May God grant relief, comfort, and patience in the difficult way He leads.

Remember to pray for the Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Grace VanDyken in the health care center. May they always know the unfailing grace of God and trust His grace.

Pray for our widows, too. Often the way for them is a lonely one. Pray that Mrs. Gert Stuit and Mrs. Ellen VanDenTop may know God's nearness and love for them.

Our Church in Fellowship.

<p>Young People's Society meets tonight after the evening service. Study will be from chapter 5, on "Gentleness". Derek introduces the chapter; Mandy, Kyle, Brent, and Edward serve.</p>		
<p>Young Adult's Society meets next week. Study will be on "Prayer" from Psalm 116:2 and Psalm 22:2. (pages 32 and 176 in the book). Troy serves; Casey closes in prayer.</p>		
<p>Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 9:15 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:15 Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 8:00 - 8:55</p>	<p>N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 13 and memory verse N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 13, memory verse, written work N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 13, memory verse, written work Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 13, written work Essentials: Lesson 7, worksheets</p>	<p>Bible Study: Tuesday Bible class will not meet this week. Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 1 (in the basement; server: Cathy)</p>

Requested Announcements

Ladies Aid Meeting: Covenant Christian Ladies Aid meets Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m.

2008 Young People's Convention: Confessing members, please volunteer your time and help your young people by chaperoning the 2008 YP convention (July 14-18). Application forms are now available for you at the convention web site! (www.prcconvention.com). We hope to hear from you soon.

From the RFPA: The book-of-the-month special for January is *Sin and Grace* by Henry Danhof and Herman Hoeksema. Written by these two young ministers, embroiled in conflict, this book was originally published in Dutch in 1923. Dead aim is taken at the doctrine of common grace, and great care is taken to prove its errors using Scripture and the Reformed creeds. The doctrine of the antithesis and the organic idea of the covenant are also developed. This is a logical refutation of a common error, as well as a lesson in twentieth-century Reformed church history. For details, go to the RFPA website (www.rfpa.org). Have you used the advanced search in *The Standard Bearer* archives at this website? This is an excellent feature for research on many topics.

Women's Retreat: The deadline is fast approaching to register for the Byron Center PRC (MI) Women's Retreat to be held March 7 and 8. Please visit our website at www.byronprc.org and click on "Women's Retreat". If you have any questions please call Evie Boverhof at 878-9138. We are looking forward to a spiritually uplifting weekend together. Hope to see you there!

Teacher Needed: Eastside Christian School of Grand Rapids, Michigan is seeking applicants for a new administrator to start this fall, D.V. Inquiries or resumes may be e-mailed to Dan Monsma, dan@monsmalandscape.com, 616.293.4120 or Erin Windemuller, windemuller@sbcglobal.net.

Teacher Needed: Faith Christian School in Randolph, WI. seeks applicants for a combined 1st - 2nd grade classroom starting in the 2008/2009 school year. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Mr. John Huizenga, administrator, at (920) 326-6186 or principal@randolphfcs.org. Resumes may also be sent to Mr. Huizenga at Faith Christian School, 611 North Columbus St., Randolph, WI 53956.

Conference Planned: The Protestant Reformed Seminary is making plans to host a conference in the fall of 2009 in connection with the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. The theme of the conference will be "After 500 Years: John Calvin for the Reformed Churches Today." The conference is scheduled for September 3-5 (Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning), D.V. Speeches are planned on topics focusing on the great reformer's life, teaching, and importance for the church today. This advance notice is given so that any who have an interest in attending may be able to plan for it.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after the evening service	Young People's Society
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Singing at the Health Care Center
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Ladies Aid Meeting
Wednesday	evening	Catechism Classes
Thursday	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Ladies Coffee at the Parsonage
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Church News

Call: Doon PRC (IA) called Rev. Laning (Hope PRC, MI) to be missionary to the Philippines.

Call: Calvary PRC (IA) called Rev. Haak (Georgetown PRC, MI) to be their first pastor.

Quotes to Consider

Knowing One's Sin: *"There is a vast difference between hearing or reading of what conviction of sin is and being made to feel it in the depths of one's own soul. Multitudes are acquainted with the theory who are total strangers to the experience of it: One may read of the sad effects of war, and may agree that they are indeed dreadful; but when the enemy is at one's own door, plundering his goods, firing his home, slaying his dear ones, he is far more sensible of the miseries of war than ever he was (or could be) previously. So an unbeliever may hear of what a dreadful state the sinner is in before God, and how terrible will be the sufferings of hell; but when the Spirit brings home to his own heart its actual condition, and makes him feel the heat of God's wrath in his own conscience, he is ready to sink with dismay and despair. Reader, do you know anything of such an experience? Only thus is any soul prepared truly to appreciate Christ. They that are whole need not a physician..." (Luke 5:31)." -A. Pink*

"Contradictions" of the Christian Life: *"The Christian is one who is to be plainly seen, and yet his life is hidden; he is a man in the world, but not a man of the world; he converses with other men, and yet his conversation is in heaven. He is one who lives to die, and dies to live; yet he is dead while he lives, and lives when he dies. He is one who lives in another, and for another; he seeks not himself when he aims most at his own good; God is his all, and his all is God; he aims at no end but the glory of God, of which there is no end." -C. Spurgeon*

Rule of the Word: *"What is a carpenter the better for his rule about him, if he sticks it at his back, and never makes use of it for measuring and squaring his work? So, what are we the better for the rule of the Word, if we do not make use of it, and regulate our lives by it?" -T. Watson*

Standard Bearer Preview: *"Do we recognize the astounding wonder of one church?" That's the question posed by the editorial in the January 15 issue of the SB. "I believe one church of Jesus Christ.... We can say it so easily.... Do we stand in awe of this mighty work of the Son of God Himself...?" Not only that. Do we recognize that "this confession implies a calling to seek the unity of the church—a divine obligation on every believer and every church"? So begins what promises to be an interesting series of editorials on the issues involved in seeking the unity of the church.*

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

January 13 - "Now No Condemnation" (Romans 8:1) Rev. C. Haak