

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - January 25, 2009

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Drinking From the Spiritual Rock I. The Need II. The Provision III. The Lesson Scripture: I Corinthians 10 Text: Exodus 17:1-7 Psalter #'s: 357, 94, 421, 416</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. War At Rephidim I. The Enemy II. The Battle III. The Victory Scripture: Exodus 17 Text: Exodus 17:8-16 Psalter #'s: 407, 5, 71, 43</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Covenant Christian School Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Emeritus Fund USHERS Today: Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra Next Week: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff NURSERY Today: a.m. Erika Heystek, Caira VanderMeulen p.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra, Mandy Hanko p.m. Alicia Buitter TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. Kuiper Next Week: 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

Lord's Supper: After a week of self-examination, we are privileged to celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. In the Biblical requirement to guard the holiness of the sacrament, the elders announce that: 1.) only confessing members in good standing are allowed to partake; 2.) members of sister congregations and denominations are to request from the elders the permission to partake; 3.) members of other denominations are asked to make such requests prior to the council meeting. This evening is applicatory, as we apply the sacrament to our daily walk and life.

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

Our Church Family

Jocelyn DeBoer submitted to emergency appendectomy surgery this past Monday. She has returned home and is doing well. We thank God for His care over her and pray for Jocelyn's continued recovery.

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, and care that we received, in the passing away of our husband, father and grandfather, John Tolsma Sr. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family. Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time is greatly appreciated." Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Mrs. Jenny Tolsma and John, Carolyn, Aaron & David Tolsma

Requested Announcements

Education Committee: The Education Committee of Covenant Christian meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

2009 Young People's Convention: We are looking for chaperones for the Protestant Reformed Young People's Convention on August 17-August 21, 2009. Join us for a spiritually-edifying and fun-filled week! Please contact Shon or Brenda Griess 616-895-1237, sgriess@charter.net with questions or visit our website www.prconvention.com to print out an application.

Family Conference: Families, couples, and singles: Plan now to attend the 2009 Family Conference hosted by First PRC in Edmonton, Alberta on July 3,4,5. This theme is "Calvin and the Christian Family", with Prof. Engelsma, Prof. Gritters and Rev. John Marcus as speakers. For more information or to register, contact us at www.edmontonprc.org/2009FamilyConference.htm or phone 1-780-470-0311.

Loveland Young Adults Retreat: Registration forms are still being accepted for the March retreat. Forms must be postmarked by Feb. 3 to avoid a late fee. Please email lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com or call Esther at 970-372-6557 with questions.

Teacher Needed: Heritage Christian School (MI) seeks to fill a lower elementary teaching position beginning in the fall of 2009. All interested parties may contact Brian Kuiper at 616-669-1773 (work) or at bkuiper@hchr.org, or Bernie Kamps at 616-453-9773 (home) or at BernieK@Kampspallets.com.

Teachers Needed: Hope Christian School, Walker, Michigan is seeking applicants for two lower elementary grades for the 2009-2010 school year. Those interested can contact administrator Ron Koole 616-453-9717, rkoole@juno.com or Jeff Kalsbeek 616-453-6455, kalsbeekplb@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 , 1-712-439-1921. P.O. Box 562, Hull, IA 51239 or Perry Van Egdom at 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 or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at milovb@hickorytech.net or (712) 726-3151.

Teacher Needed: The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham, Ontario plans to open 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

Teacher Needed: The Board for P.R. Special Education (MI) is seeking a P.R. teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Although the Board would prefer a teacher who is qualified to teach children with cognitive impairments, those with degrees in Learning Disabilities will be considered. For information, contact Education Committee chairman, Dave Rau, at 453-2337 or email him at daverau@comcast.net.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society meets tonight. Discussion will be in chapter 8 of "The Pursuit of Holiness".

Outlines are in the entryway. Servers are Sean and Alicia, Raphael and Joanna

Young People's Society meets next week, with discussion on the topic, "Am I a Discerning Christian?"

Study sheets will be available next week. Jeanetta, Joelle, and Ryan serve.

Catechism: Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: REVIEW, Lessons 11-15

9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: REVIEW, Lessons 11-15

10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: REVIEW, Lessons 11-15

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 38 and written work

8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 21, written work

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 5:1-ff (at the parsonage)

Thursday 8:00 p.m. Ruth 1:1-ff (in church basement; snacks

- Kathy VDM)

Calendar of the Week

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

Church News

Call: Rev. Smit accepted the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

Call: Calvary PRC (IA) has called Rev. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC, MI).

Trio: Byron Center PRC (MI) calls from a trio of Rev. R. Kleyn, Rev. Haak, and Rev. Slopsema.

Quotes to Consider

For Our Young People (Who Are Seeking God's Will For Their Lives): *"There is not a spider hanging on the king's wall that does not have its errand; there is not a nettle that grows in the corner of the churchyard that does not have its purpose; there is not a single insect fluttering in the breeze that does not accomplish some divine decree; and I will never have it that God created any man, especially any Christian man, to be a blank and to be a nothing. He made you for an end. Find out what that end is. Find out your niche and fill it. If it is ever so little, if it is only to be a chopper of wood and a drawer of water, do something in this great battle for God and truth."* -C. Spurgeon

Remember...the Persecuted Church: *"Remember them that are in bonds [or in prison], as bound [imprisoned] with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body." (Heb. 13:3) ...Christians are killed, sentenced to jail or labor camps, confined in shipping containers. Women are raped, families are torn apart because they confess faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son, as the only Savior of sinners. ...Boys and girls in the Sudan have had their hands chopped off because they would not deny Christ. Girls in Myanmar have been taken and not seen again. ...Remember them, carry them in prayer to God. ...Remember them because...to be a child of God in this world means suffering for Jesus' sake. Christianity is not fun and games. It is not being like everyone else in the world, only we go to heaven in the end. But Christianity is Christ. It is attachment and it is devotion and it is obedience to Him. And He said that that would come only with the ridicule and scorn and hatred of those who hate Him. ...Have we, as Christians in western civilization, lost sight of what it means to be a child of God? Is being a child of God about fun, possessions? Does being a Christian have to be easy, popular? Do the children of the church know what it is to be a Christian? Do young people know?"* -C. Haak

In Dating: *"A Christian man who takes the lead in sexual purity, and who tells the woman that her heart means more to him than her body, and her purity is more valuable to him than his own pleasure, liberates her from a cruel bondage and gives her a blessing that words can hardly describe."* -R. & S. Phillips

Eyes for Beauty: *"It is better to have eyes for beauty – than for blemish. It is better to be able to see the rose – than the thorns. It is better to have learned to look for things to commend in others – than for things to condemn. Of course other people have faults – and we are not blind. But then we have faults of our own – and this should make us charitable."* -J. Miller

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

January 25 - "Strive to Enter in at the Strait Gate" (Luke 13:24) Rev. R. Kleyn