

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - January 27, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Lost in Sin I. Our Depravity II. Our Guilt III. Our Need Scripture: Luke 19 Text: Lord's Day 3, Q&A 6-8 Psalter #'s: 428, 142, 342, 402</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Looking Upon Christ Crucified I. In Mourning II. By the Spirit III. Unto Salvation Scripture: Zechariah 12 Text: Zechariah 12:10-14 Psalter #'s: 287, 389, 106, 415</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Covenant Christian School Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Emeritus Fund</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff Next Week: Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore, Lisa Heystek p.m. Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen, Ciarra Flint Next Week: a.m. Mandy Hanko, Carissa VanderMeulen p.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra, Jeanetta DeBoer</p>	
<p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. VanderMeulen Next Week: Mr. H. Kuiper</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: Tonight is Preparatory for the celebration of the Lord's Supper next week, D.V.

Consistory Meeting: The Consistory meets tomorrow evening, January 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Requested Announcements

CCS Board Meeting: The school board of Covenant Christian meets next week Monday at 7:30 p.m. The education committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., prior to the board meeting.

CCS Ladies Aid: Reserve the evening of March 7, 2008 for a Family Game Night with craft and bake sale! All small craft and baked goods donations welcome!

CCS Program: The annual school program of Covenant Christian is scheduled for Friday, March 28. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

SB Bound Volumes: If you have ordered the bound volume of the Standard Bearer, your copy is in the basement. Please pick it up today!

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.

Public Lectures: The Protestant Reformed Seminary is sponsoring a series of three public lectures on Southern Presbyterianism in April 2008. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday, April 15, at 1:30PM, "Development of the Reformed Faith in the South"; Wednesday, April 16, at 1:30PM, "Distinctives of Southern Presbyterian Theology and Ecclesiology"; Thursday, April 17, at 7:30PM, "Notable Southern Presbyterian Theologians and Preachers." The speaker will be the Rev. Eugene Case, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodville, MS (PCA). All meetings will be held at the Southwest Protestant Reformed Church, 4875 Ivanrest Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI. The public is invited. For more information, call the Seminary at (616) 531-1490.

From the RFPA: The book-of-the-month special for January is *Sin and Grace* by Rev. Henry Danhof and Rev. Herman Hoeksema, for \$14.97 (half off the price). Other specials include *In the Sanctuary*, a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer, by Rev. Herman Hoeksema, for \$4.00; *Better to Marry*, a discussion of sex and marriage from I Corinthians 6-7, by Prof. David Engelsma, for \$7.00; *Covenant of God and the Children of Believers*, by Prof. Engelsma, free, for only the pre-paid shipping cost of \$2.50. Check out the RFPA website for more specials and information: www.rfpa.org.

Women's Retreat: Registration is now closed for Byron Center PRC's (MI) Women's Retreat. Thank you for a great response! You can check out the website for more information and schedules at www.byronprc.org. We are looking forward to a blessed weekend together.

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.

Teacher Needed: The Genesis PR School of Lacombe, Alberta is currently seeking applicants to fill the position of Grades 1 - 3 for the 2008/2009 school year. Interested applicants should contact Board President, Mr. Hilgard Goosen at 403-598-6477 or e-mail Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. for more information.

Teacher Needed: Heritage Christian School is accepting applications for a 1st grade teacher for the 2008/2009 school year. Questions should be directed to Mr. Brian Kuiper (616-669-1773 or bkuiper@hchr.org) or Education Committee Chairman Mr. Bernie Kamps (616-453-9773 or BernieK@Kampspallets.com). Please mail resumes directly to the school.

Teacher Needed: Covenant Christian High School is accepting applications from members of the Protestant Reformed Churches for two teaching positions for the 2008-09 school year. One open position is for a Spanish teacher. The other position could involve teaching in Social Studies (Government, Economics), Business Law, Accounting, and/or Religion (Bible and Cults). Secondary Teaching Certification is desirable. For more information or to request an application, please contact Mr. Rick Noorman, 616-45305048 or rnoorman@altelco.net or Mr. Dave Bouwkamp, 616-457-6419.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young People's Society meets next week after the evening service. Study will be from chapter 6 of *Jesus Beauty Shining in You*, on the fruit of the spirit "Goodness". Luke introduces the chapter; Brant, Carissa, Drew, and Jeanetta serve.

Young Adult's Society meets next week after the evening service. Study will be on "Signs of the Times" from (pages 32 and 176 in the book). Sean serves; Aaron closes in prayer.

Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 15 and memory verse
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 15, memory verse, written work
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 15, memory verse, written work
 Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 16, written work
 8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 8 worksheets

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Corinthians 15:20 (in the parsonage)
 Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 1:14-ff (in the basement; server: Linda)

Calendar of the Week

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

The Great Architect: "We are like children who look at a half-finished building, and have not the least idea what it will look like when it is completed. They see masses of stone, and brick, and rubbish,

and timber, and mortar, and scaffolding, and dirt, and all in apparent confusion. But the architect who designed the building sees order in all, and quietly looks forward with joy to the day when the whole building will be finished, and the scaffolding removed and taken away. It is even so with us. We cannot grasp the meaning of many a providence in our lives, and are tempted to think that all around us is confusion. But we should try to remember that the great Architect in heaven is always doing wisely and well, and that we are always being "led by the right way to a city of habitation" (Ps. 107:7). The resurrection morning will explain all. It is a quaint but wise saying of an old divine, that "true faith has bright eyes, and can see even in the dark." -J. Ryle

Rooted and Strengthened: "God's children are strengthened by their falls; they learn to stand by their falls. Like tall cedars, the more they are blown the deeper will they be rooted. That which men think is the overthrow of God's children does but root them the deeper, so that after all outward storms and inward declensions this is the issue, "They take root downward and bear fruit upward" for the Lord restoreth their souls." -R. Sibbes

Love That Covers: "Love covers; that is, it never proclaims the errors of good men. There are busybodies abroad who never spy out a fault in a brother but they must needs hurry off to their next neighbor with the savory news, and then they run up and down the street as though they had been elected common criers. It is by no means honorable to men or women to set up to be common informers. Yet I know some who are not half so eager to publish the gospel as to publish slander. Love stands in the presence of a fault, with a finger on her lips." -C. Spurgeon

Faith and Humility: "The strongest faith is always accompanied by the greatest humility, accounting self the greatest of sinners and unworthy of the least favor. (Matt. 8:8-10)." -A. Pink

Christ Prays: "If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me..." -R. M'Cheyne

On Voting: "While it is true that it is God in His providence who sets up rulers in high places, and these leaders are His servants (Rom. 13), we are not passive. God has in His providence placed us in a nation where we have the freedom to elect our officials to their offices. Shall we leave that business to the ungodly alone? Does not God place our leaders in their positions through the election process? Exercise, then, your right and duty!" -from the latest Standard Bearer

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

January 27 - "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" (Psalm 139:14) Rev. C. Haak