

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - February 3, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Discerning Christ's Body I. What II. How III. Why Scripture: I Corinthians 11 Text: I Corinthians 11:29 Psalter #'s: 222, 143, 377, 297</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Discerning God in the Way of Holiness I. The Only Way II. The Important Calling III. The Blessed Goal Scripture: Hebrews 12 Text: Hebrews 12:14 Psalter #'s: 10, 225, 25, 59</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Emeritus Fund Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Foreign Student Fund</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter Next Week: Bart Zandstra, Daniel VanDenTop</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mandy Hanko, Carissa VanderMeulen p.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra, Jeanetta DeBoer Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra, Monica Buitter p.m. Alicia Buitter, Jocelyn DeBoer</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

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.

Newsletter: The February church newsletter is available in the narthex. One per family, please!

Requested Announcements

CCS Education Committee Meeting: The Education Committee of Covenant Christian meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

CCS Board Meeting: The School Board of Covenant Christian meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

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!

2008 Convention: Young People, have you made plans to attend the Convention? The Convention will be held at Covenant Hills Camp near Flint, Michigan, on July 14-18. Mr. Dan VanDyke, Rev. Spronk, and Rev. VanOverloop will speak on the Convention theme, "Safe From the Snare", from Proverbs 29:25: "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

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 special of the month is *Particular Grace*, by Abraham Kuyper. This book will be available at ½ off the regular price. See www.rfpa.org for more discounts and specials!

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 PRC, 4875 Ivanrest Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI. For more information, call the Seminary at (616) 531-1490.

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@monsmlandscape.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, 616-453-5048 or rnoorman@altelco.net or Mr. Dave Bouwkamp, 616-457-6419.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society meets tonight after the evening service. Study will be on "Signs of the Times" (Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21). Sean serves; Aaron closes in prayer.

Young People's Society meets next week after the evening service. Study will be from chapter 7 of *Jesus Beauty Shining in You*, on the fruit of the spirit - "Faith". Brent introduces the chapter; Luke, Derek, Steven, and Caleb serve.

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 17, written work
 8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 9

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Corinthians 15:20 (in the parsonage)
 Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 1:17-ff (in the basement; server: Deb)

Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after the evening service	Young Adult's Society
Monday	7:00 p.m.	CCS Education Committee Meeting
Monday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Board 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: Rev. Laning (Hope PRC, MI) declined the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be Philippine missionary.

Call: Rev. Haak (Georgetown PRC, MI) declined the call from Calvary PRC (IA) to be their first pastor.

Quotes to Consider

Experiencing God's Love: "Do we taste, experience, appropriate the love of God in Christ? Do we

know that we have fellowship with God? When we eat and drink at the table of the Lord, do we taste that God comes to us in Christ? God comes to us through Christ and in the Spirit and makes His abode with us, and causes us to experience the blessedness of His fellowship and presence (John 14:23). ... (But) the moment we walk in sin, we lose the consciousness of God's fellowship. Any sin that we love, that we cling to, that we do not want to get rid of, will cause us to lose the consciousness of God's fellowship. For God does not change..." -H. Hoeksema

Our Shepherd: *"...our Good Shepherd restores our souls (Psalm 23:3). Sometimes we wander away. It is very easy to drift off from Christ. The drifting is often unconscious—we do not realize that we are losing our first love—and little by little, we are far off from Christ. Perhaps it is a cherished sin which eats out our heart-life. Or perhaps it is a worldly companionship which draws us away, loosening the bonds which bound us to Christ. Sometimes it is an absorbing business which leaves no room for God. Or it may be the cares of this world which choke the Word and quench the Spirit. We often need to have our soul restored, quickened, revived—or we would never get safely home, through this evil world." -J. Miller*

Christ-like: *"If we were more like Christ, we should be more hated by His enemies. It were a sad dishonor to a child of God to be the world's favorite. It is a very ill omen to hear a wicked world clap its hands and shout 'Well done' to the Christian man. He may begin to look to his character, and wonder whether he has not been doing wrong, when the unrighteous give him their approbation. Let us be true to our Master, and have no friendship with a blind and base world which scorns and rejects Him. Far be it from us to seek a crown of honor where our Lord found a crown of thorns." (Matt. 10:25). -C. Spurgeon*

To Forgive: *"You don't have to feel like it to forgive. Forgiveness is a promise that you can make and keep, whether you feel like it or not. And, it is easier to forgive another -- even when he sins against you seven times a day -- when you remember Christ's great sacrifice for you sins by which He forgave you. And, then too, remember how many times a day He forgives you ever since you have become a believer. One other fact may help. If you have truly forgiven, it isn't the fifth, of the third; it's not even the second time. If you have truly buried the matter, truly forgiven,... it's always the first." -J. Adams*

Doctrine According to Godliness: *"The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life...our religion will be unprofitable if it does not change our heart, pervade our manners, and transform us into new creatures." -J. Calvin*

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

February 3 - "The Faithful Witness #1: Our Calling" (Acts 1:8) Rev. C. Haak