

## THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - February 22, 2009

**MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.**

**Sabbath Rest  
Angel**

- I. The Idea
- II. The Day
- III. The Blessing

**Scripture:** Psalm 84, 92

**Text:** Lord's Day 38, Q&A 103

**Psalter #'s:** 348, 73, 225, 94

**EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.**

**The Promise of a Guardian**

- I. The Angel's Person
- II. The Angel's Work
- III. The Angel's People

**Scripture:** Exodus 23

**Text:** Exodus 23:20-21

**Psalter #'s:** 92, 312, 88, 344

**OFFERINGS Today:** a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
p.m. General Fund, Covenant Christian School

**Next Week:** Benevolent Fund, Foreign Missions

**USHERS Today:** Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma

**Next Week:** Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra

**NURSERY Today:** a.m. Rosanna Hanco, Carissa VanderMeulen  
p.m. Mrs. Cathy Hanco

**Next Week:** a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Jeanetta DeBoer  
p.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog

**TRANSPORTATION Today:** Mr. H. VanderMeulen **Next Week:** Mr. H. Buijer

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

### ***Congregational Announcements***

**Consistory Meeting:** The Consistory meets tomorrow evening, February 23, at 7:30 p.m.

**Classis West:** Classis West will convene, the Lord willing, on Wednesday, March 4, in Edgerton, MN. Loveland PRC (CO) consistory, at the request of the Covenant of Grace Fellowship in Spokane, and with the approval of the Domestic Mission Committee, has proposed that the fellowship in Spokane be organized into an instituted church of Christ. May the Lord bless the deliberations on this important issue. An office bearers' conference will be held the day before on the subject of catechizing the youth.

**Singspiration:** The Young Adults Society invites the Congregation to come to a Singspiration next week Sunday after the evening service. A collection will be taken for the upcoming retreat here in Lynden. Please join us in this time of praise to our great God!

**Young Adult's Society:** Please stay after the morning service briefly to practice for the Singspiration.

**Young People's Society:** We are planning to go bowling next week Monday evening, March 2 at Mt. Baker lanes in Ferndale. Plan to come! More details next week.

**Bridal Shower:** The ladies and teenage gals of the congregation are invited to a western weddin' shower for Jessica VanDenTop. The shower will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk and Lynn VanderMeulen. Please pick up a shower brochure in the foyer today for more information. Save the date! We hope to see you there.

### ***Our Church Family***

Please remember the Neff family in your prayers in the death of Raphael's grandfather. The funeral is scheduled for this coming week. Pray also for the VanderLei's in the passing away of Mr. VanderLei's brother. May these and all in our church family who endure affliction experience the truth of God's Word: "The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth and delivered them out of all their troubles." (Psalm 34:17)

### ***Our Church in Fellowship***

**Young Adult's Society** meets tonight with study in chapter 10 of the book, "The Pursuit of Holiness". Servers are Casey and Mandy.

**Young People's Society** does not meet next week, due to the Singspiration. The next meeting is March 8. Discussion continues on the topic #4 of the study sheet, "Am I a Discerning Christian?"

Derek, Steven, Erika, and Darren serve.

**Catechism:** Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 19  
9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 19  
10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 19  
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 41 (continued)  
8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 23 and written work  
**Bible Study:** Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Titus 1:1-ff (at the parsonage)  
Thursday 8:00 p.m. Ruth 4:1-ff (in church basement; snacks - Linda)

### ***Requested Announcements***

**CCS Program:** Covenant Christian's annual school program is scheduled for Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at our church. Mark your calendars today! Invite family and friends!

**09 Denominational Directory:** The Young People's Society of Hope PRC (MI) is looking for individuals and/or businesses interested in sponsoring the '09 Denominational Directory. The cost is \$10.00. If interested contact Laura Huizenga at [hopeprcdirectory@hotmail.com](mailto:hopeprcdirectory@hotmail.com) or at 616-453-6858.

### ***Retreats/Convention***

**Lynden:** As a reminder, the Lynden young adults are planning a retreat this coming summer, July 20-23. The topic for the retreat will be "Missions and Witnessing" with Rev. W. Bruinsma coming to be the guest speaker. More information is available at [www.lyndenprc.org/retreat](http://www.lyndenprc.org/retreat); there will also be registrations forms available on the site soon.

**South Holland:** Young Adults Retreat Registration forms for June 2-4, 2009 are now available! Please pick one up today from the back table or visit [www.southhollandyaretreat09.com](http://www.southhollandyaretreat09.com) to print a form. Registration forms are due April 18th, 2009. Any questions please call Grace De Jong at 708-927-7191.

**Edmonton:** Plan now to attend the 2009 Family Conference hosted by First PRC in Edmonton, Alberta on July 3,4,5. This conference theme is "Calvin and the Christian Family" and includes Prof. David Englesma, Prof. Barry Gritters, and Rev. John Marcus as speakers. For more information or to register contact us at [www.edmontonprc.org/2009FamilyConference.htm](http://www.edmontonprc.org/2009FamilyConference.htm) or phone 1-780-470-0311.

### ***Teachers Needed***

**Covenant Christian School (Lynden, WA)** seeks a teacher for lower elementary grades for the 2009-2010 school year. For information, contact the administrator, Fred Hanco, at 360 354-5436 (or [fredncathy@juno.com](mailto:fredncathy@juno.com)) or board president, John Heystek, at 360-354-7021 (or [nwelectric@verizon.net](mailto:nwelectric@verizon.net))

**Loveland Protestant Reformed Christian School (Loveland, CO)** seeks a teacher/administrator for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested parties may contact board president Steve Ezinga at (970) 663-0474 or [sizing@aol.com](mailto:sizing@aol.com) or board secretary John Tolsma at (970) 622-9797 or [jet-lorinda@earthlink.net](mailto:jet-lorinda@earthlink.net)

**Heritage Christian School (Hudsonville, MI)** is seeking to fill a part time kindergarten 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](mailto:bkuiper@hchr.org), or Bernie Kamps at 616-453-9773 (home) or at [BernieK@Kampspellets.com](mailto:BernieK@Kampspellets.com). Please respond by March 5, 2009.

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**Protestant Reformed School in Wingham (Ontario, Canada)** is planning 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 please contact board vice president Mr. Harvey Kikkert at (519)523-4823 or email [hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca).

**Genesis Protestant Reformed School (Lacombe, Alberta, Canada)** is looking for applicants to teach in a multi-grade classroom for the 2009-10 school year. Those who are interested should contact

board President Dr. Hilgard Goosen at 403-782-7901 or e-mail [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

**Hope Christian School (Walker, MI)** is seeking applicants for two elementary grades for the 2009-2010 school year. Those interested can contact administrator Ron Koole 616-453-9717, [rkoole@juno.com](mailto:rkoole@juno.com) or Jeff Kalsbeek 616-453-6455, [kalsbeekplb@yahoo.com](mailto:kalsbeekplb@yahoo.com).

**Trinity Christian High School (Hull, IA)** 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.

**Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School (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.

**Board for Protestant Reformed Special Education (MI)** seeks a P.R. teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Although the Board would prefer a teacher qualified to teach children with cognitive impairments, those with degrees in Learning Disabilities will be considered. Contact Education Committee chairman, Dave Rau, at 453-2337 or [daverau@comcast.net](mailto:daverau@comcast.net) for more information.

### Calendar of the Week

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

### Church News

**Call:** Byron Center PRC (MI) has called Rev. R. Kleyn (Trinity PRC, MI).

**Trio:** Calvary PRC (IA) calls from a trio of Rev. Haak, Rev. D. Kleyn, and Rev. W. Langerak.

**Call:** Immanuel PRC (Lacombe, AB) has called Rev. W. Langerak.

**Anniversary Celebration:** Our Theological School is planning what should be a major event for our denomination this summer. This event will be a celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the birth of the great church reformer, John Calvin. We, as a denomination, confess that the Lord in His mercy and faithfulness has preserved in our denomination the glorious heritage of the truth which God restored to His church in the Reformation and especially in the Calvinistic Reformation. This is great reason for thanksgiving and praise to God. This celebration will be held September 3 to 5, 2009, in the form of a conference. A large church building, the First Byron Center Christian Reformed Church, has been reserved for this event. There will be a series of speeches on Calvin and the truth of the Word of God he so mightily preached and defended. We hope that people from all over our own denomination will come for what we hope will be a major gathering of Protestant Reformed people, and also that others outside of our churches will join us for this celebration. Begin planning to join this event and encourage others to do so as well. More details will be published in the coming weeks.

### Quotes to Consider

**Busyness:** *"And (Jesus) said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while..." (Mark 6:31) We live in hurrying, bustling times. The excitement of daily business and constant engagements keeps many men in a perpetual whirl, and entails great peril on souls. The neglect of this habit of withdrawing occasionally from worldly business is the probable cause of many an inconsistency or backsliding which brings scandal on the cause of Christ. The more work we have to do the more we ought to imitate our Master. If He, in the midst of His abundant labors, found time to retire from the world occasionally, how much more may we? If the Master found the practice necessary, it must surely be a*

*thousand times more necessary for His disciples."* -J. Ryle

**Creation Speaks:** *"Creation is...a living testimony. Through it, God brings the invisible things of God into (man's) heart. (Romans 1:20-21) ...For this reason, it is a good remedy, even for the Christian, to escape from this sophisticated world...and go to the woods, lie on his back, and say nothing. Do not say anything, do not spoil it by talking, just look up at the sky, listen to the birds, and look at the trees, the flowers, and the grass. This will be the testimony: God is! God is eternal in power and Godhead! God must be praised!"* -H. Hoeksema

**Saved From the Power of Sin:** *"The sun shining into a neglected room, does not create the dust and cobwebs, but simply reveals them. Thus it is with the Christian. The more the light of the Spirit is turned upon him inwardly, the more he discovers the horrible plague of his heart (1 Kings 8:38), and the more he realizes what a wretched failure he is! The fact is, dear discouraged soul, that the more you are growing out of love with yourself, the more you are being saved from the power of sin. Wherein lies its fearful potency? Why, in its power to deceive us. It lies to us. It did so to Adam and Eve. It gives us false estimates of values so that we mistake the tinsel for real gold. To be saved from the power of sin is to have our eyes opened so that we see things in God's light - it is to know the truth about things all around us, and the truth about ourselves. But further - sin not only deceives, it puffs up, causing its infatuated victims to think highly of themselves. Sin ever produces self-love and self-righteousness. But when God takes us in hand, it is the very opposite - the workings of the Spirit subdue our pride. How? By giving in-creasing discoveries of SELF and of the exceeding sinfulness of SIN, so that each one cries with Job, - Behold! I am vile! (40:4). Such a one is being saved from the power of sin - its power to deceive and to inflate."* -A. Pink

**Power of a Word:** *"You may speak but a word to a child, and in that child there may be slumbering a noble heart which shall stir the Christian Church in years to come."* -C. Spurgeon

**Christian Fellowship:** *"Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God's people."* -C. Spurgeon

<b>Reformed Witness Hour:</b> KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. February 22 - "Grace For Today" (Matthew 6:34) Rev. Haak
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