

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - March 9, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Faith in Christ I. Its Nature II. Its Object III. Its Activity Scripture: John 15 Text: Lord's Day 7, Q&A 20-23 Psalter #'s: 220, 41, 248, 190</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Jehovah's Suffering Servant (3): Served by Cyrus the King I. The King II. The Service III. The Purpose Scripture: Isaiah 45 Text: Isaiah 5:1-4 Psalter #'s: 252, 403, 207, 76</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Home Missions Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Beacon Lights</p> <p>USHERS: Today: Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitter Next Week: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff</p> <p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Jeanetta DeBoer p.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Jocelyn DeBoer Prayer Day: Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen, Cassi Flint Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore, Mandy Hanko p.m. Mrs. Judy Buitter, Caira VanderMeulen</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. VanderMeulen 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

Call to Worship: The Congregation is called to worship this week Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m., for Prayer Day services. Offering will be for the Foreign Student Fund. This fund helps support the students in the seminary from the CPRC in Northern Ireland, EPC of Australia, and Berean PRC of the Philippines.

Good Friday: Good Friday services are scheduled for next week Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Singspiration: The Young People's Society will be having an Easter Singspiration, DV, on March 23. If anyone is interested in doing a special number, please let Mandy, Carissa, or Monica know. Thanks!

Invitation: We invite all men and women singers, post high and up, who would enjoy providing a couple of songs for our Young People's Society Easter singspiration, to rehearse for about 20 minutes after the morning worship today. We need your voice, so please don't miss an opportunity to join with us in these special numbers. Today, right after the service, 20 minutes. Thank you."

Convention Fundraiser: The Young People's Society will be collecting pop cans as a fundraiser for the 2008 Convention. We ask that you please save all your pop cans from now until mid-June. Drop off locations are at the parsonage garage or Ed and Char's house. Let family and friends know. We appreciate all your help! If you have questions, please call Brent at 966-7950 or Ryan at 966-1171. Thanks!

Attention Ladies: A bridal shower is planned for Joanna Kuiper (Raphael's Neff's fiancé) on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. Plan to come and get to know Joanna better and welcome her to our church!

Our Church Family

Mr. Jack DenHartog was moved to the Christian Health Care Center this past Friday, where Jack will receive physical therapy to strengthen his legs. We thank God for this measure of recovery! Please continue to pray for Jack and Chris and the DenHartog family.

Mr. VanderLei is doing better this week as well. Pray that God might continue to grant him health and strength, according to His will.

Our Church in Fellowship.

Young People's Society meets tonight after the evening service. Study is from chapter 10 of *Jesus*

Beauty Shining in You, "Temperance". Mandy introduces the chapter; Mandy, Kyle, Brent, Ed serve. **Young Adult's Society** meets next week. Study continues on "The Christian and Politics". Study sheets are available in the narthex. Raphael serves.
Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 19
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 19, written work, memory verse
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 19, written, memory verse
Wednesday evening catechism classes do not meet due to the Prayer Day service.
Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Cor. 16:13-ff (at the parsonage)
Thursday Bible study will not meet this week.

Requested Announcements

Thank You! Covenant Christian Ladies Aid thanks all who worked, donated, and joined us at the family fun night this past Friday night. Nearly \$900 was raised for our school! Thanks for your support!

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

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

CCS Ladies Aid: The Ladies Aid of Covenant Christian meets this week Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

Advance Notice: Covenant Christian School's Spring Program is scheduled for Friday, March 28. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Retreat for Seniors: The response to the Senior Adult Retreat has been outstanding. As February 20, we have 55 of the possible rooms spoken for filled. We have the balance on hold until March 3, 2008. The time is short to sign up for five days of spiritual speeches and fellowship in the Colorado Rockies October 1-6, 2009, DV. The cost will be \$75 a day per person which will include your meals. A 20% down payment is required to enroll with the balance to be paid upon your arrival at the YMCA.

Scholarships: The Protestant Reformed Scholarship Committee is offering scholarship awards to prospective Protestant Reformed teachers and ministers. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please contact Melinda Bleyenbergh at 616-453-8898 or e-mail darylme@altelco.net by April 1, 2008.

Convention Chaperones Needed: To confessing members over the age of 21: Byron Center PRC is in great need of chaperones for this year's young people's convention. (July 14-18) We need to hear from you soon if you are willing and able to help us! Please go to the web site for the convention and fill out an application soon. www.prcconvention.com. We would love to hear from you this week!

Convention News: Registration for the 2008 convention is now open. Forms have been mailed to all the Young People's societies. They can also be downloaded off our website at www.prcconvention.com.

Mission Awareness Day: Reserve your spot for the luncheon served at Mission Awareness Day on June 14, 2008 at Georgetown PRC (MI). 15 sectionals will be given on topics such as our PR mission fields, the work of the DMC, the work of our seminary in regards to missions, as well as sectionals to encourage us in witnessing to others. Activities will also be provided for the children. A lunch will be served, but seating is limited, so please rsvp to Andrea Lenting at [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) or 616-662-0148.

Teacher Needed: Adams Christian School (MI) is accepting applications for an eighth grade teacher for the '08-'09 school year. Interested persons can contact the Administrator, Dave Harbach, @ 616-531-0748 or Education Committee Chairman Tim Block @ 616-813-6015.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after the evening service	Young People's Society
Monday	7:00 p.m.	CCS Education Committee
Monday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Board Meeting
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Ladies Aid Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Day Services

Church News

Call: Rev. D. Kleyn considers the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

Call: Rev. Slopsema considers the call from Calvary PRC (IA) to be their first pastor.

Quotes to Consider

In Times of Trouble: *"In times of trouble say, First: He brought me here ; it is by His will I am in this strait place: In that I will rest. Next: He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace in this trial to behave as His child. Then: He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow. Last: In His good time He can bring me out again - how and when He knows. Say: I am here (1) by God's appointment (2) in His keeping (3) under His training (4) for His time." -A. Murray*

The Christian Life: *"The Christian life is very much like climbing a hill of ice. You cannot slide up, nay, you have to cut every step with an ice axe; only with incessant labor in cutting and chipping can you make any progress; you need a guide to help you, and you are not safe unless you are fastened to the guide, for you may slip into a crevasse. Nobody ever slides up, but if great care be not taken they will slide down, slide back, or in other words backslide. This is very easily done. If you want to know how to backslide, the answer is leave off going forward and you will slide backward, cease going upward and you will go downward of necessity, for stand still you never can." -C. Spurgeon*

Christ or the Beast: *"By the cunning device of the false prophet, and the sword-power of the anti-Christian state you will be placed before the alternative: deny Christ and worship the beast or die! But however great the strain of trial and temptation upon your will may be, it will be you that chooses for or against the mark of the beast! ...It is always thus. Persecution for Christ's sake always involves the choice between the things that are seen and the things that are not-- between the present world and the world to come, between keeping or losing your life. And it is always grace only that it is able to choose for Christ and suffering, rather than for Antichrist and the world and its pleasures." -H. Hoeksema*

Help-Meet: *"Helper was not a position for Eve to fight, function for her to fulfill. It is God's design, bearing His fingerprints for His glory and our good, a design we tamper with at our peril. As the man delighted in the woman, so also she delighted in her calling and fully embraced it... The result of God's design was perfect companionship." -R. Phillips*

The Danger: *"The water is useful for sailing the ship; all the danger is when the water gets into the ship; so the fear is when the world gets into the heart." -T. Watson*

<p>Reformed Witness Hour: KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. March 9 - "The Sufferings of the Cross" (Isaiah 53) Rev. C. Haak</p>
