

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - March 16, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. All or Some I. In Adam II. In Christ Scripture: I Corinthians 15 Text: Lord's Day 7, Q&A 20-23 Psalter #'s: 317, 211, 263, 222</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Jehovah's Suffering Servant (4): Instructed in Obedience I. The Fact (verse 5) II. The Manner (verse 6) III. The Purpose (verse 4) Scripture: Isaiah 50 Text: Isaiah 50:4-6 Psalter #'s: 111, 243, 417, 109</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Beacon Lights Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Seminary Student Assistance Fund</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff Next Week: Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Judy Buieter, Mandy Hanko p.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore, Caira VanderMeulen Good Friday: Mrs. Carolyn Tolsma, Erika Heystek Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra, Amanda Heystek p.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra, Ciarra Flint</p>	
<p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Kuiper Next Week: Mr. H. Buieter</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 Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., to remember the death of our Savior. The offering will be for PR Special Education.

Singspiration: Come to the Young People's Society Singspiration next week Sunday, March 23, D.V. If you would like to do a special number, please contact Mandy, Carissa, or Monica. Thanks!

Singspiration Practice: The Young People's Society will practice after the **evening** service tonight!

Singspiration Refreshments: Families of Young People's Society members: please bring 2 dozen buns and 2 dozen cookies to the March 23 Singspiration. Thanks!

Choir Practice for the Singspiration: There will be a short choir practice again after the morning worship today. A few more voices would still be appreciated, so join us in praise as we get ready to help our Young People with their Singspiration next week.

Singing at the Health Care Center: Singers from our congregation are scheduled to take our turn at the Christian Health Care Center again this Tuesday evening, March 18, from 6:30-7:00 PM. Can you make it this week? Please take your Psalter along if you can.

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!

Attention Young People/Young Adults: On behalf of the Covenant Grace Reformed Church Young People's Society, we would like to invite your church's young people's society and/or young adults group to join us for a night of fun and fellowship at the Lynden YMCA. The date is April 4, and the time is from 7-10 pm. If you have any questions, contact Lindsey at: (360) 840-4322. We hope to see you there!

From the Deacons: December 2007 Offerings:

General Fund - \$8,641.54 Covenant Christian School - \$4,395.46 Building Fund - \$182.78,
 Evangelism - \$139.42, Foreign Student Fund - \$199.93 Foreign Mission - \$246.07,

Ref. Witness Hour - \$176.49 Philippines Bldg. Fund - \$175.81,

January 2008 Offerings:

General Fund - \$7,203.49 Covenant Christian School \$1,985.11 Evangelism - \$126.91

Foreign Missions - \$130.11 Trinitarian Bible Society - \$114.85

Our Church Family

Reminder: Mrs. Grace VanDyken's phone number is 354-7819.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society meets tonight after the evening service. Study continues on "The Christian and Politics". Study sheets are available in the narthex. Raphael serves.

Young People's Society will not meet next week due to the Singspiration. The next meeting will be April 6, servers will be Brant, Carissa, Drew, and Jeanetta. Kyle will introduce chapter 11.

Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 20
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 20, written work, memory verse
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 20, written, memory verse

Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 21

8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 11

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Peter 1:3-ff (at the parsonage)

Thursday Bible study will not meet this week due to Good Friday services.

Requested Announcements

CCS Chapel: Come to chapel at Covenant Christian this week Friday, March 21, at 8:30 a.m. Join us for singing and meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus. Hope to see you there!

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

Advance Notice! It's not too early to plan for the Covenant Christian School's Auction this coming Fall! Start planning and creating your donations! The CCS Ladies Aid would once again like to thank everyone for their support of all our fundraisers for our school.

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 darylmeel@altelco.net by April 1, 2008.

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.

Teacher Needed: The Genesis PR School of Lacombe, Alberta seeks applicants to fill the position of a multi-grade classroom 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/Administrator Needed: The Free Christian School of Edgerton, MN. is accepting applications for a Principal-Teacher (grades 4-8) for the 2008-2009 school year. For more information, please contact Glenn Gunnink at 507-442-3095 or Jeff Baker at 507-631-6653.

Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after the evening service	Young Adult's Society
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	evening	Catechism
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Chapel at CCS
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday 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.

Standard Bearer Promo: "How much agreement must there be for churches to have fellowship, even

to establish relationships?" That question is posed at the beginning of the March 15 *SB* editorial entitled "Making Distinctions." Not an easy question. Between churches and between denominations of churches there will always be differences, if not of a doctrinal nature, then surely of a cultural. Which ones are essential, belonging to the very essence of the church, and which are nonessential—that is the question. And then, what should be our attitude toward those who are very close to us, but not exactly like us, even in a matter we would consider essential? You will want to read this editorial, as the writer begins to address these issues.

Quotes to Consider

Christ's Sufferings: *"To suffer for those whom we love, and who are in some sense worthy of our affections, is suffering that we can understand. To submit to ill-treatment quietly, when we have no power to resist, is submission that is both graceful and wise. But to suffer voluntarily, when we have the power to prevent it, and to suffer for unbelieving and ungodly sinners, unasked and unthanked--this is a line of conduct which passes man's understanding. Never let us forget that this is the peculiar beauty of Christ's sufferings, when we read the wondrous story of His cross and passion."* -J. Ryle

Parents as Prophets: *"The father to the children shall make known thy truth." (Isaiah 38:19) In every aspect of (children's) lives, they are to be taught what God says about that aspect of life. They must grow up to be able to look at everything through the eyeglasses of the Scriptures. Now who is going to teach them that? Who is going to train them and give them that ability? Certainly not the TV, not the neighbors, not the public school, but you as the parent. God constituted you such. You are the prophet unto your child to teach him the way of God. You must not say, Well, I would like to be a prophet. You are a prophet. The question is: are you a faithful prophet or an unfaithful prophet?"* -C. Haak

Seeing Christ in Each Other: *"Many love particular Christians because they find them to be sweet-tempered or generous-hearted, but that is merely natural and not spiritual love. If we would love the saints spiritually we must disregard what they are temperamentally by nature, and contemplate them as the objects and subjects of God's love, loving them for what we see of Him in them."* -A. Pink

Anxiety: *"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength."* -C. Spurgeon

<p>Reformed Witness Hour: KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. March 16 - "The Power of the Cross" (Romans 8:1) Rev. C. Haak</p>
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