

## THIS IS THE RESURRECTION DAY - March 23, 2008

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Peter and John at the Tomb</b>                  I. How They Came                  II. What They Saw                  III. Why They Were There  <b>Scripture:</b> John 20  <b>Text:</b> John 20:2-8  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 309, 235, 29, 111</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>The Cave of Machpelah</b>                  I. Its Purchase                  II. Its Significant Location                  III. Its Memorial Character  <b>Scripture:</b> Genesis 23  <b>Text:</b> Genesis 23  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 132, 101, 30, 55</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS: Today:</b> a.m. General Fund, Benevolence                  p.m. General Fund, Seminary Student Assistance Fund  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Covenant Christian School</p>	
<p><b>USHERS: Today:</b> Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter  <b>Next Week:</b> Bart Zandstra, Daniel VanDenTop</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY Today:</b> a.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra, Amanda Heystek                  p.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra, Ciarra Flint  <b>Next Week:</b> a.m. Alicia Buiters, Lisa Heystek                  p.m. Mrs. Charlene DeBoer, Carissa VanderMeulen</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Buiters Next Week: Mr. H. VanderMeulen</p>	

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

### Congregational Announcements

**Resurrection Day:** Victory! Today we celebrate the victory of Christ Who conquered sin, death, and the grave. His victory is our victory! "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 15:57)

**Singspiration:** Everyone is invited to the Young People's Society Singspiration tonight after the evening service. An offering will be taken for convention travel expenses. Join us in singing praise to our risen Lord!

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

**Attention Ladies:** Don't forget the dessert and coffee bridal shower for Joanna Kuiper (Raphael's fiancé) tomorrow evening, at church, at 7:30 pm. 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!

**Consistory Meeting:** The Consistory meets next week Monday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

### Our Church Family

Please pray for our sick and needy. Pray that Mr. Jack DenHartog may recover strength, the Lord willing, to once again worship with us. Pray for Mrs. Trudy Kuiper as she continues treatments this week. Pray that all our afflicted church family might experience the comfort that comes from knowing that they "abide under the shadow of the Almighty". (Ps. 91:1)

### Our Church in Fellowship.

**Young People's Society** does not meet tonight, due to the Singspiration. Their next meeting will be April 6.

**Young Adult's Society** meets next week after the evening service. Study will be on the topic of "the Christian and Dating". Study sheets will be available tonight in the narthex. Johanna serves.

<p><b>Catechism:</b> Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15                  9:15 - 10:00                  10:30 - 11:15                  Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55                  8:00 - 8:55</p>	<p>N.T. Bible Stories: REVIEW on Lessons 16-20                  N.T. History for Juniors: REVIEW on Lessons 16-20                  N.T. History for Seniors: REVIEW on Lessons 16-20                  Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 21 (continued)                  Essentials: Lesson 11, written work</p>
<p><b>Bible Study:</b> Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Peter 1:3-ff (at the parsonage)                  Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 2:17-ff (in the church basement; server - Judy.)</p>	

### Requested Announcements

**CCS Program:** "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water..." (Psalm 1:3) You will not want to miss Covenant Christian School's Spring Program this week Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m.! Prepare to be inspired and blessed as students, through song, recitation, and picture presentations, bring you a powerful message of the Christian who, like a tree, must be rooted in Christ, grown up into Him, and bringing forth fruit. Please come to encourage the students by your presence and have yourself encouraged as you see the children speak of the faith and hope which is, by grace, implanted in their hearts. Invite family and friends!

**Young Adult's Retreat:** Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Redlands, California is planning a young adults' retreat for this summer. The dates for the retreat are June 30 through July 3, 2008. The theme will be "Maintaining a Spiritual Life." The text is II Peter 3: 17 and 18. The retreat will be for adults ages 19 and older. Information about the retreat can be found at <http://www.hopeprc.org/retreat>. If necessary, emails can be sent to [retreat@hopeprc.org](mailto:retreat@hopeprc.org). More details will be available in the near future.

**Women's Retreat Speeches:** The speeches by Rev. Eriks, Rev. Kortering, and Rev. Haak from the Women Walking Worthy Retreat at Byron Center PRC (MI) are available online at [www.byronprc.org](http://www.byronprc.org). Please send \$7 to Shelley VanDyke at 2611 Edson Drive, Hudsonville MI 49426. Please indicate CD or DVD and include name, phone number and address.

**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 [daryl@mel@altelco.net](mailto:daryl@mel@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	Singspiration
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Bridal Shower
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	evening	Catechism
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Program

### Church News

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

### Quotes to Consider

**Righteous...In the Risen Lord:** "How can a Christian know that he is righteous before God? Not

when he looks at himself! When he looks at himself, there is nothing but sin, corruption, and unrighteousness. ...How, then, can we be conscious that we are righteous before God? By looking away from self! By looking away from the things that are seen! By looking to God who raised up Jesus from the dead! The moment I look away from self and look to God as He shows His face in the resurrection of Christ, I can say, "I am Righteous." -H. Hoeksema

**"The Stone Rolled Away":** "These holy women, as they walked to our Lord's grave, were full of fears about the stone at the door. "They said among themselves, Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?" But their fears were needless. Their expected trouble was found not to exist. "When they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away." What a striking emblem we have in this simple narrative, of the experience of many Christians! How often believers are oppressed and cast down by anticipation of evils, and yet, in the time of need, find the thing they feared removed, and the "stone rolled away." A large proportion of a saint's anxieties arise from things which never really happen. We look ahead to all the possibilities of the journey towards heaven. We conjure up in our imagination all kind of crosses and obstacles. We mentally carry tomorrow's troubles, as well as today's. And often, very often, we find at the end, that our doubts and alarms were groundless, and that the thing we dreaded most has never come to pass at all. Let us pray for more practical faith. Let us believe that in the path of duty, we shall never be entirely forsaken. Let us go forward boldly, and we shall often find that the lion in the way is chained, and what appears to be a hedge of thorns, is only a shadow." -J. Ryle

**"Profitable for Reproof":** "...reproofs of instruction are the way of life." (Prov. 6:23) Are you, am I, willing to be reproved? Are we really, honestly desirous of having made known to us everything in us which is contrary to the law of the Lord and is therefore displeasing to Him? Are we truly agreeable to be searched by the white light of the truth, to bare our hearts to the sword of the Spirit? ...Unless the answer be in the affirmative, there cannot possibly be any spiritual growth for us. If we are to profit from the Scriptures we must ever approach them with an honest desire that all amiss in us may be rebuked by their teachings and be humbled into the dust before God in consequence thereof." -A. Pink

**Source of Trouble:** "All trouble comes from not right sorting and comparing things: seeking that on earth which is only to be had in heaven, and seeking that in the creature which is only to be had in God, and looking for that from self which is only to be found in Christ, and seeking that in the law which is only to be had in the gospel." -T. Manton,

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

March 23 - "The Resurrection of the Body" (I Cor. 15:35-38) Rev. C. Haak