

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - April 13, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Creation I. Important in Scripture II. Important in Doctrine III. Important in Practice Scripture: Psalm 96 Text: Lord's Day 9, Q&A 26 Psalter #'s: 404, 394, 257, 353</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Deliverance Prepared I. In God's Faithfulness II. In God's Time III. In God's Way Scripture: Exodus 2 Text: Exodus 2:1-25 Psalter #'s: 77, 273, 12, 34</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Building Obligations Fund Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Church Evangelism</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma Next Week: Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Rhonda Zandstra, Cassi Flint p.m. Mrs. Cathy Hanko, Caira VanderMeulen Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Mandy Hanko p.m. Jessica VanDenTop, Amanda Heystek</p>	
<p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Buitter 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

Preparatory: The evening service next week Sunday, April 20, will be Preparatory for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Lord willing, the following Sunday morning, April 27.

Anniversary Luncheon: Please remember that next Sunday, April 20, we will be having a special Anniversary Luncheon for Mr. & Mrs. VanderLeis' 50th anniversary which was March 28, and for Mr. & Mrs. VanDyken who will be married for 60 years on May 20. It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will continue to watch over them and bless them in the unknown future as He has so faithfully done in the past. Psalm 100:5: "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." The Catering committee will be asking families to bring salads or buns, and for Committee #1 (Eleanor, Judy, Charlene, and Frances) to help with clean up. We hope you will all be able to come!

Advance Notice: Thursday, May 1, is Ascension Day. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m., D.V.

Church Directories: New church directories are available in the narthex. One copy per family!

Sunday School Administration/Teacher: We are in need of a new Sunday School Administrator and teacher. Please contact John Heystek if you are interested.

Our Church Family

"Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications." (Psalm 86:6) Many in our church family are in need of our prayers...

Mrs. VanDenTop's brother, Mr. John DenBesten, of our Loveland PRC (CO.), passed away recently at the age of 87. The funeral was last week. Please pray for Mrs. VanDenTop in this time of grief.

Mr. Jack DenHartog continues to gain strength. He will undergo further tests in the week ahead. Pray for Jack and Chris and family that Jack may be able to return home soon and come to worship with us once again, if it be God's will.

Mrs. Kuiper once again submitted to treatments last week. Please pray for Trudy and Henry and their family that they may have patience and submission to God's will in the difficult way He leads.

Please pray for our pastor and his family as they seek God's will concerning Neal. Pray that God might supply the many needs of Neal and our pastor and his family.

"Greg Flint underwent emergency surgery for a ruptured colon while vacationing with his family in California. The surgery was successful and Greg and Mary will remain in California until Greg is able to travel. The Flints can be contacted at gregandmaryf@yahoo.com. Please remember us in your prayers."

Mary Flint

May we pray for one another in the confidence that our faithful Father hears and answers prayers. "In the day of trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me." (Psalm 86:7).

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society meets tonight after the evening service. Study will be on the topic of "The Christian and Dating". Study sheets are available in the narthex. Bart and Rhonda serve.

Young People's Society meets next week after the evening service. Study will be on the topic, "The Christian and Politics". Kyle introduces the topic. Caleb, Luke, Derek, and Steven serve.

Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 22

9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 22, written work, memory verse

10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 22, written, memory verse

Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 23, written work

8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 12 worksheets

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Peter 1:17-ff (at the parsonage)

Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 3:8-ff (in the church basement; server - Janny)

Requested Announcements

Softball at CCS: Parents and friends, come to Covenant Christian for a softball game vs. the Junior High this week Wednesday, at 1:45 p.m. In case of poor weather, please call school first to see if the game has been cancelled. Hope to see you there!

Young Adult's Retreat: Registration forms are now available for the Redlands, CA Young Adult's Retreat, June 30-July 3! Copies of the registration form can be found online at www.hopeprc.org/retreat. Registration is limited to the first 60 people. If you have questions, please email us at retreat@hopeprc.org or call Tricia VanderWal at (909) 792-0307.

British Reformed Fellowship Conference: Those of you who are interested in attending the BRFC July 25-Aug. 1, 2008, will you please email or call before sending your booking form to us. There are some changes on it that you must know before we receive it. The deadline for signing up is May 1. Bill and Ardith Oomkes – oomkes@iserv.net or 878-1309.

Lecture Series: The PRC 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 are at Southwest PRC, 4875 Ivanrest Ave., SW, Wyoming, MI The public is invited. For more information, call the Seminary at (616) 531-1490.

Teacher Needed: The Genesis PR School of Lacombe, Alberta is currently seeking 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 hilgoosen@shaw.ca for more information.

Teacher 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	1:45 p.m.	Softball at CCS
Wednesday	evening	Catechism Classes
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study

Church News

Trio: Doon PRC (IA) calls from a trio of Rev. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC, MI), Rev. W. Langerak (South-

east PRC, MI), and Rev. VanderWal (First PRC, Redlands, CA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

Quotes to Consider

In Affliction: *“As sure as God puts His children in the furnace of affliction, He will be with them in it.” - C. Spurgeon*

For Our Good: *“But though we should never ask a demanding “why?”, we may and should ask God to enable us to understand what He may be teaching us through a particular experience. But even here we must be careful that we are not seeking to satisfy our souls by finding some spiritual “good” in the adversity. Rather we must trust God that He is working in the experience for our good, even when we see no beneficial results. We must learn to trust God when He doesn’t tell us why, when we don’t understand what He is doing.” -J. Bridges*

“Uncultivated Ground”: *“If you neglect to instruct (your children) in the way of holiness, will the devil neglect to instruct them in the way of wickedness? No; if you will not teach them to pray, he will teach them to curse, swear, and lie; if ground be uncultivated, weeds will spring.” -J. Flavel*

A Living Power: *“Faith is not a dead formula, a mere statement that we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. On the contrary, it is a living power whereby we break with the world and defy it, whereby we put all our trust in the God of Israel...and whereby we fight the good fight, even unto the end. The way of faith is the way of belonging to Christ, of being the friends of God and enemies of the world. That way of faith is the way of salvation for all those who believe.” -H. Hoeksema*

Submission of Self: *“True self-denial is the renouncing of self and the yielding of the whole life to the will of Christ. It is self coming down from the life's throne, laying crown and scepter at the Master's feet and thenceforth submitting the whole life to His sway. It is living all the while, not to please ourselves, not to advance our own personal interests—but to please our Lord and do His work. It is denying to ourselves anything that is sinful in His sight. It is the glad making of any sacrifice that loyalty to Him requires. It is the giving up of any pleasure or comfort for the good of others, which Christ may demand. The essential thing is that SELF gives way altogether to Christ, as the motive of life.” -J. Miller*

Discernment: *“Discernment is not a matter of simply telling the difference between right and wrong; rather it is telling the difference between right and almost right.” -C. Spurgeon*

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

April 13 - “Set by the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:2) Rev. C. Haak