

**THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - April 20, 2008**

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>The Fatherly Care of Our God</b>                  I. What It Is                  II. How It Is Shown                  III. Its Comfort  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 147  <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 10, Q&amp;A 27-28  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 287, 263, 76, 402</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Offering to God the Calves of Our Lips</b>                  I. In Repentance and Confession                  II. In Dependence on His Mercy                  III. In Thankful Resolve  <b>Scripture:</b> Hosea 14  <b>Text:</b> Hosea 14:1-3  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 175, 334, 416, 144</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m.</b> General Fund, Benevolence  <b>p.m.</b> General Fund, Church Evangelism  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Covenant Christian School</p>	
<p><b>USHERS: Today:</b> Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra  <b>Next Week:</b> Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitter</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY Today: a.m.</b> Mrs. Deb Heystek, Mandy Hanko  <b>p.m.</b> Jessica VanDenTop, Amanda Heystek  <b>Next Week: a.m.</b> Carissa VanderMeulen, Lisa Heystek  <b>p.m.</b> Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Erika Heystek</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. VanderMeulen Next Week: Mr. H. Kuiper</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:** Tonight is Preparatory for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, next week Sunday, April 27, the Lord willing.

**Consistory Meeting:** The Consistory meets next week Monday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., for its regular monthly meeting.

**Anniversary Luncheon:** After the morning service today 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.

**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**

Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, as Pat consults doctors regarding possible cancer. Pray that the Sheldon's might find peace in the way God leads and also guidance in the course they should take.

Mrs. Kuiper was not able to have her second treatment this week due to low blood counts. The treatments are scheduled to continue this week. Pray that God might use these treatments as means of healing the cancer, if it is His will, and also that the Kuipers may know God's care over them.

Neal will be moved to Lakeland Center, a rehab facility in Spokane. He will be there for a minimum of 30 days. His address is: C/O Division of Developmental Disability, Lakeland Village, 2320 S. Salnave Road, Medical Lake, WA. 99022. Pray for God's care over Neal in this change and for our pastor and his family in the challenges they face.

*"Greg was released from the hospital this past Thursday, and we will be in California while Greg regains strength to travel. Many thanks to all of you who have contacted us by e-mail and phone calls in the last week with words of encouragement, and for the many offers to help our family while we are away from them. We continue to wait upon God's will for us and know that He is our only shield in time of*

*trouble. We can continue to be contacted at [gregandmaryf@yahoo.com](mailto:gregandmaryf@yahoo.com)." Mary Flint*

**Our Church in Fellowship**

**Young People's Society** meets tonight after the evening service. Study will be on the topic, "The Christian and Politics". (Study sheets are in the narthex.) Kyle introduces the topic. Caleb, Luke, Derek, and Steven serve.

**Young Adult's Society** meets next week after the evening service. Study will be on Romans 12. Study sheets will be available in the narthex tonight. Aaron serves.

**Catechism:** Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 23  
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 23, written work, memory verse  
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 23, written, memory verse  
 Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 24, written work  
 8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 13

**Bible Study:** Tuesday 1:30 p.m. | Peter 1:22-ff (at the parsonage)  
 Thursday 8:00 p.m. | Peter 3:18-ff (in the church basement; server - )

**Requested Announcements**

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

**CCS Board Meeting:** Covenant Christian School Board meets Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m.

**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. Hope to see you there!

**Young Adult's Retreat:** Registration forms are available for the Redlands, CA Young Adult's Retreat, June 30-July 3! Forms can be found online at [www.hopeprc.org/retreat](http://www.hopeprc.org/retreat). Registration is limited to the first 60 people. For questions, call Tricia at 909-792-0307 or e-mail at [retreat@hopeprc.org](mailto:retreat@hopeprc.org)

**2008 Young People's Convention:** Have you registered yet for this year's convention? Registration is open until May 1. Forms have been mailed to each society and should be available from your leader or you can print a copy from our website at [www.prconvention.com](http://www.prconvention.com). We hope to see you there!

**Convention Chaperones:** The YPS convention is coming up soon. We have just over 20 applications for chaperones. We need over 50 chaperones. Please consider our great need. Please go to our website, and print off and submit an application form ASAP. [www.prconvention.com](http://www.prconvention.com).

**Teacher Needed:** Adams Christian School is in serious need of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade and a 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RFPA Specials:** What is and what is not acceptable in a church service? Many churches today cater to the whims of their members when answering this question. The book, *Reformed Worship*, using the regulative principle and Scripture as its guide, lays the groundwork for decision making regarding public worship. This month, this book is available for only \$3.50 (50% off the original price). Also on sale this month, is the series *Unfolding Covenant History*, by Prof. Hoeksema and Prof. Engelsma. This 5 volume series is available for \$79.95 (over 40% off original price). Go to [www.rfpa.org](http://www.rfpa.org) for more specials and opportunities to build your library!

**Calendar of the Week**

Sunday	after the morning service	Anniversary Luncheon
Sunday	after the evening service	Young People's Society
Monday	7:00 p.m.	CCS Education Committee Meeting
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**

**Call:** Doon PRC (IA) has called Rev. W. Langerak to be missionary to the Philippines.

## **Quotes to Consider**

**Self-Examination:** *“Men compare themselves with men, and readily with the worst, and flatter themselves with that comparative betterness. This is not the way to see spots, to look into the muddy streams of profane men’s lives; but look into the clear fountain of the Word, and there we may both discern and wash them; and consider the infinite holiness of God, and this will humble us to the dust.” -R. Leighton*

**In Flocks:** *“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*

**The Lord’s Day:** *“There is so much to do on Sunday that the day is too short. “How long is the Lord’s Day?” some have asked. Give the Lord a full day; it is the Lord’s Day, not the Lord’s hour. Really, this is an ominous question. It sounds suspiciously like the question of the Jews in Amos 8:5: “When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat?” Nobody talks like this about his vacation. “Oh, when will it be over?” Such questions about the Lord’s Day indicate a leak in the dike in my own soul - worldliness is pouring in. The man who tastes something of the rest of Christ talks differently: “Oh, when will the eternal Sabbath Day dawn?” -D. Engelsma*

**The Question for the Church:** *“The god of this world is doing his utmost, in these last days, to ensnare the Church, to seduce her into worldliness, to draw down her eye from the heavenly glory, to silence her cry, to induce her to drop her widow’s raiment, and if not altogether to identify herself with the world, at least to be less peculiar, less singular in her walk, less solemn in her testimony against the “fashion of this world,” the “things that perish with the using,” “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life.” Shall he succeed? ....Shall we try to seize a portion here, or shall we be content to wait in faith, until the Lord return? Surely this is a question for the age,—a question for the Church of God,—a question for every child of the kingdom.” -H. Bonar*

**A Good Father:** *“The best way to be a good father to your children is to be a good husband to their mother.” -J. Adams*

**For Today:** *“Tomorrow is the devil’s day, but today is God’s. Satan does not care how spiritual your intentions are, or how holy your resolutions, if only they are determined to be done tomorrow.” -J. Ryle*

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

April 20 - “I Will Remember the Works of the Lord” (Psalm 77:11-12) Rev. C. Haak