

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - April 27, 2008

Jack (and Chris) DenHartog

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Israel's Spreading Beauty I. Its Glory II. Its Source III. Its Permanence Scripture: Psalm 1 Text: Hosea 14:4-7 Psalter #'s: 231, 1, 221, 198</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Ephraim's Conversion I. Converted From idols II. Converted to God's Ways III. Converted By Grace Scripture: Psalm 115 Text: Hosea 14:8-9 Psalter #'s: 259, 192, 400, 308</p>
<p>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolence p.m. General Fund, Covenant Christian School Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Standard Bearer</p>	
<p>USHERS: Today: Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitter Next Week: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff</p>	
<p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Carissa VanderMeulen, Lisa Heystek p.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Erika Heystek Ascension Day: Mrs. Heidi Moore Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Judy Buitter, Jeanetta DeBoer p.m. Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen, Monica Buitter</p>	
<p>TRANSPORTATION: VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Kuiper 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

Lord's Supper: After a week of self-examination, we are privileged to celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. In the Biblical requirement to guard the holiness of the sacrament, the elders announce that: 1.) only confessing members in good standing are allowed to partake; 2.) members of sister congregations and denominations are to request from the elders permission to partake; 3.) members of other denominations are asked to make such requests prior to the council meeting. This evening is applicatory, as we apply the sacrament to our daily walk and life.

Call to Worship: The Consistory calls the Congregation to worship this week Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m., for Ascension Day services. The offering will be for Church Evangelism.

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

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

Mrs. Kuiper has a week off from her treatments. Please continue to pray for her and the Kuiper family. Neal's corrected address is: Lakeland Village, Sunrise Cottage, P.O. Box 200, Medical Lake, Spokane, WA, 99022. Remember Neal and our pastor and family in your prayers.

*"Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,
 We would like to express our humble thanksgiving to the Lord for His healing and restoration. When I went to the hospital 3 months ago it seemed like I would not be walking out of there but the Lord in His mercy has again put His healing hand upon me and has given me a great measure of recovery so that I was able to return home this past Wednesday. I still have some distance to go and am still very weak and tired, but according to His will I will get better in the future. We want to thank the congregation young and old and especially Rev. Hanko for all the visits, cards, and the words of comfort from the scriptures, even the students from Covenant came to sing. All this makes us very thankful for the communion of saints and the love the Lord has given us for each other. What a blessing that is! "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name O most High. To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night." (Ps. 92:1-2)."*

"Dear Friends and Family:

By God's grace and through His healing hand, we were able to return home from California this Saturday. Many thanks to all of you for your e-mails, notes, calls, prayers and words of encouragement for us, and for all the offers of help and meals for our family while we were away from them. We are thankful for the recovery that Greg has made this far, and continue to wait upon His will for us."

Mary (and Greg) Flint

Our Church in Fellowship.

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

Young People's Society has concluded for the season.

Catechism: Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 24
 9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 24, written work, memory verse
 10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 24, written, memory verse
 Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 25, written work
 8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 13, written work

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Peter 2:4-ff (at the parsonage)
Thursday Bible Study has concluded for the season.

Requested Announcements

CCS Education Committee Meeting: The Education Committee of Covenant Christian meets this week Tuesday 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 for the Redlands Young Adults Retreat is now closed. We have received our limit of applications for this year.

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. We hope to see you there!

Convention Chaperones: Confessing members, we would like to get your chaperone application for the 2008 convention this week. Hurry, this may be your last opportunity to be a chaperone for the 2008 convention. We need to fill 10 more spaces! <http://www.prconvention.com/> A big thank you to those who have already signed up to help us!

Teacher Needed: Adams Christian School is in serious need of a 1st grade and a 4th 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 Adult's Society
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Consistory Meeting
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	CCS Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Board Meeting
Wednesday	1:45 p.m.	Softball at CCS
Wednesday	evening	Catechism Classes
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Ascension Day Services

Church News

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

Trio: Calvary PRC (IA) will call from a trio of Rev. R. Hanko, Rev. D. Kuiper, and Rev. VanderWal.

From the Contact Committee: The Contact Committee is sending a delegation of Rev. K. Koole and

Rev. C. Haak to visit the Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church in Singapore. They will be meeting with the session (consistory) of CERC to discuss the possibility of restoring a relationship with them. They will also be preaching and giving speeches while there. The delegation leaves this Wednesday (April 30) and will return on May 12, the Lord willing. May the Lord be with them in their travels and work.

Quotes to Consider

Trusting in God: *“There is only one creature that God has made that ever doubts him. The sparrows doubt not. They sweetly sing at night as they go to their roosts, though they know not where tomorrow's meal shall be found. The very cattle trust him, and even in days of drought, you have seen them when they pant for thirst, how they expect the water. The angels never doubt him, nor the devils. Devils believe and tremble (James 2:19). But it was left for man, the most favored of all creatures, to mistrust his God.”*
-C. Spurgeon

Controlling the Mind: *“Our minds are mental greenhouses where unlawful thoughts, once planted, are nurtured and watered before being transplanted into the real world of unlawful actions... These actions are savored in the mind long before they are enjoyed in reality. The thought life, then, is our first line of defense in the battle of self-control.”* -J. Bridges

True Beauty: *“Beauty is not found at the counter at JC Pennys, Nordstroms, Marshalls, or wherever you go. Beauty is not found at Valley Gym. Beauty is not something you hang on your body, zip up, pierce in, paint on, or put on. ...It is found in one place - the hidden man of the heart. If you will ever come to the place where, in God's estimation, you are beautiful, you must come to this - that what is in your heart is more important than your hair, your jewelry, and your clothes. Do you hear it? What God sees in your heart, not in the fact that you are in style. The heart consecrated unto God in Jesus Christ, possessing the beauty of Jesus Christ - that is where true beauty is found.”* -C. Haak

The Gospel of Satan: *“The gospel of Satan is not a system of revolutionary principles, nor yet a program of anarchy. ...It advocates education and cultivation and appeals to ‘the best that is within us.’ It aims to make this world such a comfortable and congenial habitat that Christ's absence from it will not be felt and God will not be needed.”* -A. Pink

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

April 27 - “Fighting Under the Banner of Our Ascended King” (Exodus 17:8-16) Rev. C. Haak