

## ***THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - June 8, 2008***

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Son and Lord</b>          I. Only Begotten          II. Sovereign          III. Owner  <b>Scripture:</b> John 5  <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 13, Q&amp;A 33-34  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 199, 428, 124, 243</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>The Passover</b>          I. Past          II. Present          III. Future  <b>Scripture:</b> Exodus 12  <b>Text:</b> Exodus 12:21-24  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 376, 17, 1, 289</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS: Today:</b> a.m. General Fund, Benevolence          p.m. General Fund, Emeritus Fund  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Building Obligation Fund</p>	
<p><b>USHERS: Today:</b> Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra  <b>Next Week:</b> Daniel VanDenTop, Nathan Buitter</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY Today:</b> a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Erika Heystek          p.m. Jessica VanDenTop  <b>Next Week:</b> a.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Amanda Heystek          p.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Buitter 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**

**Sunday School:** Sunday School begins next week Sunday, June 15, after the morning service and ends July 20. Lessons will be handed out today after the morning service. Mr. Ed DeBoer will be administrator/teacher along with Mrs. Bethany DenHartog and Miss Alicia Buitter. A teachers meeting will be scheduled to go over the material.

**Special Offering:** The deacons announce a special offering for the church in Myanmar, recently hit by a devastating cyclone. The offering will be taken on the evening of June 15, instead of the General Fund offering. Please remember this cause in your giving.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study meets Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the parsonage with study in I Peter 3:13-ff.

**Northwood Lights:** The Northwood Lights, the school paper of Covenant Christian, is available after the morning service. Please pick up a copy!

**Reception/Open House:** Raphael and Joanna Neff invite the congregation to celebrate the beginning of their new life together. The cake and punch special evening is Saturday June 21 from 6-8:30 PM in the church basement.

**Coffee/Fellowship Time:** Everyone is invited to coffee tonight after the evening service to say farewell to Miss Lubbers.

**Attention Young People's Society:** Please meet briefly after the morning service. Thanks!

### **Our Church Family**

Raphael Neff and Joanna Kuiper will be united in marriage this week Friday, June 13, the Lord willing. The wedding will take place in Trinity PRC in Hudsonville, MI. May God bless them as they begin their life together! Pray for safety for Raphael and Joanna as they return to Lynden to establish their home here. Pray, too, for God's care over Troy and Casey and others of the Neff family as they travel to Michigan for the wedding.

Miss Lubbers leaves this week Thursday to move to Michigan. Thank you, Miss Lubbers, for all you have done for our church and school, and also for our children and families! We pray that God might grant you His grace and peace!

Congratulations to all in our church family who either have graduated in the week past or will graduate, the Lord willing, in the week ahead. Congratulations to our high school graduates: Lucas Heystek and Brantley VanderMeulen who graduated from Lynden Christian; Monica Buitter who will graduate from

Cornerstone Christian; and Mandy Hanko who will graduate from the Running Start program of Whatcom Community College. Congratulations also to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates from Covenant Christian: Joelle DeBoer, Darren Heystek, and Erika Heystek. May God lead and guide you in the truth! May you have this confidence: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." (Nahum 1:7)

### **Requested Announcements**

**Teacher Needed:** Free Christian School in Edgerton, MN is in **urgent** need of a teacher for grades 4-8 for next school year. Please contact Glenn Gunnink (507) 227-4019 or (507)442-3095 or Jeff Baker (507)631-6653 for more information.

**From the Domestic Mission Committee:** The DMC again invites you to Mission Awareness Day to be held on June 14 at Georgetown Church (MI). Devotions begin at 9:30 with five sectionals planned for each time slot of 10:00, 11:15, and 1:15 (see flyer for topic descriptions and scheduled times). There is still plenty of room to join us for the delicious ethnic/American meal which will be served at 12 p.m. (limited to RSVPs first and then up to 250 people). You can RSVP to Andrea Lenting at [anjolen@gmail.com](mailto:anjolen@gmail.com) or 662-0148 to reserve your spot at lunch. We hope you can join us for all or part of the day's events.

### **Calendar of the Week**

Sunday	after evening service	Fellowship Time
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study

### **Church News**

**Call:** Rev. W. Langerak considers the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

**From the Seminary:** The pre-synodical service will be held tomorrow evening, June 9, at 7:00 in Hope Church, Grand Rapids. Synod convenes Tuesday morning at 8:30. The graduation of Mr. Heath Bleyenbergh is planned for Thursday evening, June 12, at 7:30 in Hope Church. Prof. Engelsma will speak on "The Courage of the Minister".

**From Hope PRC (MI):** : Our Council continues to work with Rev. Titus and the saints in the Protestant Reformed Churches in Myanmar. We have been successful in getting funds over to them, and have been providing them with funds needed for food, shelter, and other necessities. Although they are able to obtain the things they need, the prices are very high. His phone line has been reconnected, but there still is no electricity. We are in contact with Rev. Titus several times a week, and are monitoring the situation closely. He continuously expresses to us how much the saints there appreciate all the help our churches have given them, and all the prayers that have been offered for them. May our heavenly Father continue to bless and strengthen them during this difficult trial.

**From Singapore:** The delegates who recently went to Singapore report that they were well received and were kept busy with sermons, speeches and meeting with Covenant's session. The committee will give their report and assessment to the Contact Committee, which in turn will go to Synod, where the possibility of renewing a church relationship and sending another delegation will be discussed. They report the need to keep Pastor Lau and his wife Fong Ee in your prayers. The pastor's liver disease is far advanced and they are considering a very risky double-surgery of liver and heart (which is also infected). Brother Lau has been a steadfast soldier for truth and grace in Singapore for some 30 years.

**From Faith PRC (MI):** In accordance with Article 38 of the Church Order, and with synodical decisions related to Article 38, Faith PRC will hold a worship service on Wednesday, June 18 at 7 PM at Faith PRC in connection with the organization of our daughter congregation, Providence Protestant Reformed Church. We give thanks to God on this joyful occasion.

### **Quotes to Consider**

**Character:** "A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble." -C. Spurgeon

**Pray for Your Children:** "Fathers and mothers...cannot give their children new hearts. They can (and must) give them Christian education, and show them the way of life; but they cannot give them a

*heart to love God. Yet there is one thing they can always do--they can pray for them. They can pray for the conversion of profligate sons, who will have their own way, and run greedily into sin. They can pray for the conversion of worldly daughters, who set their affections on things below, and love pleasure more than God. Such prayers are heard in heaven. Such prayers will often bring down blessings. ...Let us pray more for our sons and daughters. Even when they will not let us speak to them about true religion, they cannot prevent us speaking for them to God.” -J. Ryle*

**Self-Esteem or Christ-Esteem?:** *“...if you are living the Christian life as you ought to live it, and if I am, we are always esteeming each other better than ourselves (Phil. 2:3) ...the Christian who is living the Christian life as he should is always concentrating, not on his own goodness, not on his own worth, not on his own ability, not even the ability that he has by grace, but he is concentrating on the goodness and the worth and the ability of his God and of his Savior Jesus Christ.” -D. Engelsma*

**God’s Goodness:** *“God does not ask us to rejoice because we have lost our job, or a loved one has been stricken with cancer, or a child has been born with an incurable birth defect. But He does tell us to rejoice because we believe He is in control of those circumstances and is at work through them for our ultimate good.” -J. Bridges*

**Face the Foe:** *“The enemy...is not only powerful and skillful, but has every kind of weapon at command—the snare, the wile, the sword, the dart, the fire. His object in the present day is to persuade us that he does not exist, that we have to fight no such battle, that we need no sword nor shield, that we can do without anything beyond our own human power and skill. But the divine warning assures us that our enemy still lives and rages and deceives; that he is most to be feared when most invisible; that his last delusions will be his worst, when, as an angel of light, he comes into the Church to mislead by falsehoods, so beautiful, so attractive, so intellectual, so like the truth—it may be, so evangelical—that, if it were possible, the elect shall be deceived. We must not turn back in the day of battle. We have no armor for our back. We must face the foe. “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” And this must be to the end, however long the warfare may be. The prize is not to the conqueror in one field, but to the conqueror at last.” -H. Bonar*

<p><b>Reformed Witness Hour:</b> KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m June 8 - “And Who Is My Neighbor” (Luke 10:25-27) Rev. C. Haak</p>
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