

## ***THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - September 2, 2007***

<p><b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Instructing Our Covenant Children</b>                  I. The Calling                  II. The Content                  III. The Encouragement  <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 78  <b>Text:</b> Psalm 78:4-8  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 403, 2, 213, 215</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m</b>  <b>Submission to Authority</b>                  I. The Source of All Authority                  II. Submission in Every Sphere of Life    <b>Scripture:</b> Ephesians 6  <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 39, Q&amp;A 104  <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 200, 290, 4, 293</p>
<p><b>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m.</b> General Fund, Benevolence                  p.m. General Fund, Beacon Lights  <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Home Missions</p>	
<p><b>USHERS: Today:</b> Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff  <b>Next Week:</b> Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY Today: a.m.</b> Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen, Jeanetta DeBoer                  p.m. Mrs. Carolyn Tolsma, Monica Buitert  <b>Next Week: a.m.</b> Mrs. Karla Zandstra, Cassi Flint                  p.m. Alicia Buitert, Jocelyn DeBoer</p>	
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> 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***

**Baptism:** The Congregation rejoices this morning to witness the baptism of Zoe Lyn, infant daughter of Stephen and Rachel Dykstra. May God grant the Dykstra family the grace and wisdom to raise this child in His fear. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord..." (Psalm 127:1a)

**Fellowship Time:** The Dykstra family invites the Congregation to a time of fellowship after this morning's service to rejoice with them and their family in the baptism of their daughter.

**Call to Worship:** The Consistory calls the Congregation to worship this week Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor-elect Clayton Spronk will lead the worship service. This is part of his classical examination, as he looks forward to his ordination, the Lord willing, as pastor of Peace PRC in Illinois.

**Classis West:** Classis West meets at our church on Wednesday, the Lord willing. The main business of Classis consists of the further examination of pastor-elect Clayton Spronk. The Congregation is welcome to come and witness the oral examination of Mr. Spronk on Wednesday. Please remember Mr. Spronk in your prayers that he may give a good account of himself before Classis.

**Church Visitation:** In accordance with Article 44 of the Church Order, the church visitors will meet with the Consistory, this week Tuesday evening, following the worship service. The purpose of church visitation is "to admonish those who have in anything been negligent" and "by advice and assistance help direct all things unto the peace, up building, and greatest profit of the churches." (Article 44)

**From the Catering Committee:** On September 4, after the call to worship, there will be refreshments in the basement for the congregation and guests. Catering Committee # 3 is asked to prepare the kitchen and serve the coffee/refreshments. We are asking ladies with last names A-L to bring 2 dozen bars or cookies, and M-Z to bring 2 dozen buns. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet in back of church, for help needed in serving for the A.M. coffee time, lunch/dinner, and P.M. coffee for the ministers and guests on Wednesday. Please sign up in the time slots that you would be available to help. Thank-you!

**Thank You!** The Consistory and Congregation thanks the Building Committee and all the helpers who worked to paint the railings at church. They look great! We appreciate your work!

**Labor Day Youth Outing:** There are sign up sheets in the narthex. If you are participating, please fill them out. Those who wish to hike, meet at 8 AM at the trailhead at the back end of Sealund Rd. off South Pass. Those who will not be hiking, meet at Silver Lake Park at 11:45 AM. We will be there for maybe 3 hours. People can arrive at Dirk and Lynn's toward 4 PM. Bring water and a snack for the hike,

and maybe a change of clothes for canoeing. If you can, bring a side-dish to the cookout. A lawn chair would be good.

**Nursery:** Mrs. Carolyn VanDenTop has agreed to be head of the nursery committee. Thank you!

**Bible Study:** No Tuesday Bible study this week or next week. Tuesday Bible study resumes once again on September 18.

**From the Deacons:** The offerings for June 2007 are as follows:

General Fund - \$8,675.77	Covenant Christian School - \$604.73	Scholarship Fund - \$136.65
Emeritus Fund - \$135.77	Building Obligations Fund - \$141.96	

The offerings for July 2007 are as follows:

General Fund - \$9,141.52	Covenant Christian School - \$685.16	Foreign Missions - \$202.48
RFPA - \$196.71	Reformed Witness Hour- \$162.97	N. Ireland Bldg Fund - \$154.29

### ***Our Church Family***

We welcome back Miss Lubbers once again into our church and fellowship. May God bless her as she once again takes up the work God has given her to teach in our school.

Please remember in prayer all our sick and needy. Pray for the Kelley's as Mrs. Kelley remains in the adult care home in Ferndale. Remember Mr. and Mrs. Kuiper in your prayers as they deal with treatments for cancer. Pray for Mr. DenHartog is his continued affliction. Pray, too, for the VanDyken's in the Health Care Center. May all our sick and those burdened with cares and trials know and believe that our God is a God Who hears and answers the prayers of His people: "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24)

### ***Requested Announcements.***

**CCS Classes Begin:** Covenant Christian begins the 2007-2008 school year this week Tuesday, September 4, at 8:20 a.m. sharp. There will be a 12:00 noon dismissal the first day. Kindergarten is also scheduled for the first day, (as well as Wednesday and Friday of the first week). Pray that God will bless the work of our school for the spiritual growth of our children, for the building up of His church, and for the glory of His Name!

**CCS Chapel:** Parents and friends, come to chapel this week Tuesday, September 4, at 8:30 a.m. to join us in beginning a new school year. Rev. Hanko will speak. We hope to see you there!

**CCS Board Meeting:** Covenant Christian school board meets Thursday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m.

**CCS Ladies Aid:** Advance Notice! The first CCS Ladies Aid meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 18. The first Hot Lunch to be served will be Wednesday, September 12.

**Evangelism Conference:** All are cordially invited to an Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Heritage Protestant Reformed Fellowship (Sioux Falls, SD) on September 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be no fee for attending the conference, and lunch will be provided. If you plan to attend, send an e-mail to [heritageprf@sio.midco.net](mailto:heritageprf@sio.midco.net) or call Gaylen Te Slaa at 605-338-2370. Please RSVP by September 15. Speakers are Rev. Korterling, Rev. Van Overloop, Rev. Key, and Rev. Overway.

### ***Calendar of the Week***

Sunday	after morning service	Fellowship Time
Monday	all day	Young People's/Young Adults Outing
Tuesday	8:20 a.m.	CCS 2007-2008 School Year Begins
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	CCS Chapel
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Call to Worship
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Classis West Convenes
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	CCS Board Meeting

### ***Church News***

**Trio:** Doon PRC (IA) has formed a trio of Rev. Haak, Rev. W. Langarak, and Rev. Laning to call a missionary to the Philippines.

**Call:** Edgerton PRC (MN) called Rev. R. Kleyn (Trinity PRC, MI) to be missionary in Sioux Falls, SD.

### ***Quotes to Consider***

**To Parents and Teachers:** "Be ye, therefore, always mindful of this, that you must be first taught of

*God yourself, and then you must ask God to use you to teach; for unless a higher Teacher than you work with you, and instruct the child, the child must perish. It is not your instruction that can save the souls of your children; it is the blessing of God the Holy Spirit accompanying your labors. May God bless and crown your efforts with abundant success! He will surely do so if you are instant in prayer, constant in supplication. Never yet did the earnest teacher or preacher "labor in vain in the Lord," and often has it been seen that bread cast upon the waters has been found after many days." -C. Spurgeon*

**"Keeping the Heart":** *"Worldly cares and incumbrances have greatly increased the neglect of our hearts. The heads and hearts of multitudes have been filled with such a crowd and noise of worldly business that they have lamentably declined in their zeal, their love, their delight in God, and their heavenly, serious, and profitable way of conversing with men. How miserably have we entangled ourselves in this wilderness of trifles! Our discourses, our conferences, nay, our very prayers are tinged with it. We have had so much to do without, that we have been able to do but little within." -J. Flavel*

**Coming to Hear the Word:** *"We do not sanctify God's name when we come to hear the Word unless we come with trembling hearts." -J. Burroughs*

**Baptism Vow:** *"Covenant parents are keenly involved in the Christian education of their children because this is what they have vowed to do. At the baptism of their covenant children, believing parents vow to see their children "instructed and brought up in the aforesaid doctrine, or help or cause them to be instructed therein, to the utmost of (their) power." Believing parents believe that Christian schools are their covenant responsibility, and thus they devote the utmost of their power to the establishment and maintenance of these schools. The Christian education of their children becomes their life." - R. Kleyn*

**Affluence:** *"Ease and luxury, such as our affluence brings today, do not make for maturity; hardship and struggle however do." -J. Packer*

**Is There a Difference?** *"...there is a mighty difference between the true Christian and the false, between the believer and the unbeliever, between the children of God and the children of the world. I hold strongly that this difference is not merely one of faith, but of life; not only one of profession, but of practice. I hold strongly that the ways of the believer should be as distinct from those of the unbeliever, as bitter from sweet, light from darkness, heat from cold." -J. Ryle*

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

September 2 - "Christian Education is Covenant Education" (Isaiah 38:19) Rev. Bruinsma