

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - September 21, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Life Everlasting I. The Promises Concerning It II. The Way to It III. The Hope of It Scripture: Revelation 22 Text: Lord's Day 22, Q&A 57-58 Psalter #'s: 381, 30, 203, 32</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Standing for the Right I. Alone II. Unafraid III. In Faith Scripture: Daniel 3 Text: Daniel 3:16-18 Psalter #'s: 130, 1, 182, 354</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Prot. Ref. Special Education Next Week: Benevolence Fund, Covenant Christian School USHERS Today: Ed DeBoer, Nathan Buiters Next Week: Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Cathy Hanko, Lisa Heystek p.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Jeanetta DeBoer p.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. Kuiper 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

Family Visitation: Family visitation begins the first week of October. The theme is "Buy the Truth", from Proverbs 23:23. Rev. Hanko will preach on that passage next Lord's Day, September 28, D.V.

Membership: The papers of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kuiper and their three baptized children have been received from the Southeast PRC (MI). We welcome them to our congregation!

Coffee: Ladies (and kids) are invited to coffee at the parsonage this Thursday, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Invitation: The Young People's Society, Young Adult's Society, and anyone else who wishes to come are invited to the parsonage Friday evening for volleyball and basketball. Bring snacks if you wish!

Consistory Meeting: The Consistory meets next Monday evening, September 29, at 7:30 p.m.

In Prayer: Please remember our pastor in prayer as he considers the call to Calvary PRC (IA.)

Our Church Family

Mr. John Tolsma, Sr. is in room 509 at the Christian Health Care Center in Lynden. He continues to regain his strength. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Mr. Bruce Sheldon's wife, Pat, was hospitalized this past week due to severe dehydration. She has returned home. Please pray for Bruce and Pat in all their needs.

Mr. Frank DeBoer was hospitalized this past Friday for a pace-maker to be installed in his heart. He returned home Saturday and is doing well. Remember him and his family also in your prayers.

May all who suffer sickness and trials have the assurance of Psalm 40:17: "But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God."

Requested Announcements

Young People's Convention: Start thinking about next summer! Trinity PRC is hosting the 2009 Young People's Convention from August 17-21 at Lake Williamson near Carlinville, Illinois. Check out the Beacon Lights for more information.

Teacher Needed: The Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School in Doon, Iowa is seeking applications for a 6th, 7th and 8th grade teacher with Administrator duties for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested parties should contact Mike Van Bommel at milovb@hickorytech.net or (712) 726-3151 or Floyd Van Den Top at fvd@alliancecom.net or (712) 473-2556.

Deacons' Conference: Trinity PRC (MI) invites all current deacons, past deacons, and those who

desire the office, to a conference at Trinity PRC, October 3-4, on the topic of "The Work of the Deacons in a Tough Economy". Rev. Kuiper will give a speech on "The Principles of the Work of the Deaconate, Rev. R. Kleyn will speak on "Instructing in Stewardship", and there will be a panel discussion on "Being a Deacon in a Tough Economy."

From the RFPA: Volume II of "Redeemed with Judgment" (a commentary on Isaiah), by Rev. Hoeksema, has been printed. The RFPA is looking for anyone traveling to and from Michigan to take the books with to us here in Lynden to distribute. If you can help, please contact Fred Hanko. Thanks!

Family Conference: The First Protestant Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta is hosting a family conference July 2-5, 2009, on the topic of Calvin and the Christian Family Life. Plan now to attend! Check out our website www.edmontonprc.org and more details to follow.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young People's Society meets tonight after the evening worship service. Study will be on the topic of "Temptation". Study sheets are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy! Ryan, Jeanetta, and Joelle serve.

Young Adult's Society meets next week after the evening service.

Catechism: Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 2, memory verse
 9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 2, memory verse, written work
 10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 2, memory verse, written work

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 27, written work
 8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 15, written work

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Peter 4:1-ff (at the parsonage)
 Thursday 8:00 p.m. I Peter 4:7-ff (in the church basement; server: Cathy)

Calendar of the Week

Sunday	after evening service	Young People's Society
Tuesday	morning	Catechism
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	evening	Catechism
Thursday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Coffee at the Parsonage
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday	evening	Volleyball/Basketball at Parsonage

Church News.

Call: Providence PRC (MI) has called Candidate Bleyenbergh to be their first pastor.

Call: Calvary PRC (IA) has called Rev. Hanko to be their first pastor.

Call: Grace PRC (MI) has called Rev. VanOverloop (Byron Center PRC, MI) to be their pastor.

Trio: Doon PRC (IA) calls from a trio of Rev. Bruinsma (Pittsburgh Mission, PA), Rev. R. Klein (Trinity PRC, MI), and Rev. VanderWal (Hope PRC, Redlands, CA) to be missionary to the Philippines.

From the Domestic Mission Committee: The emissaries who visited Tucson (AZ) last weekend came back to the DMC with a very favorable report. They found a group of saints there (5 families) who are well acquainted with PRC material, enthusiastic about the reformed faith, searching (for 10 years) for a solid Reformed denomination, and ready to be instructed from God's Word. The group formally requested that the PRC give continued pulpit supply to them, and the DMC at its meeting this week approved this request, hoping to send supply for the next 6 months or so. You can learn more about this group from their website www.tucsonprotestantreformed.org. The DMC would also encourage members of our churches to visit these saints and worship with them. For more information contact Rev. Rodney Kleyn, secretary of the DMC, (616) 669 7025. Remember this work and these saints in your prayers.

Quotes to Consider

In Secret: "How many things are done continually, which men would never do if they thought they were seen! How many matters are transacted in the rooms of imagination, which would never bear the light of day! Yes, men entertain thoughts in private, and say words in private, and do acts in private,

which they would be ashamed of and blush to have them exposed before the world. The sound of a foot-step coming has stopped many a deed of wickedness. A knock at the door has caused many an evil to be hastily suspended, and hurriedly laid aside. But oh, what miserable folly is all this! There is an all-seeing Witness with us wherever we go. Lock the door, pull down the blind, turn out the light; it doesn't matter, it makes no difference; God is everywhere, you cannot shut Him out, or prevent His seeing." -J. Ryle

Forbearing One Another: *"Amid temptations to impatience and irritableness, to hard thoughts and sharp words that come in response to the failings and sins of fellow-Christians, the humble person carries the oft-repeated injunction in his heart and shows it in his life: "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another...even as Christ forgave you." (Col 3:13) He has learned that in putting on the Lord Jesus he puts on the heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and long-suffering."* -A. Murray

Self-Esteem?: *"...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. ...We live in the presence of God. There our attention and our energies are turned, not to self, but to God. The great concern of our lives is not self-esteem, but God-esteem. The sin that troubles us most is not that we think too little of ourselves, but that we fail to think highly enough about God."* -D. Engelsma

Prayer in Trials: *"We should pray concerning our trials in this way--"Lord, I have this thorn in the flesh. I beseech Thee, deliver me from it, but meanwhile I bless Thee for it; for though I do not understand the why or the wherefore of it, I am persuaded there is love within it. Therefore, while I ask Thee to remove it, so far as it seemeth evil to me, yet wherein it may to Thy better knowledge work for my good, I bless Thee for it, and I am content to endure it so long as Thou seest fit." - C. Spurgeon*

Temptations: *"It is our own evil desires that lead us into temptation. We may think we merely respond to outward temptations that are presented to us. But the truth is, our evil desires are constantly searching out temptations to satisfy their insatiable lusts (James 1:14)." -J. Bridges*

Yielding to Temptation: *"The temptation once yielded to gains power. The crack in the embankment which lets a drop or two ooze through is soon a hole which lets out a flood."* -A. MacLaren

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

September 21 - "God's Gift of the Family" (Psalm 68:6) Rev. C. Haak