

**THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - September 30, 2007**

<b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Gracious Speech</b> I. Defined II. Commanded III. Blessed <b>Scripture:</b> Colossians 4 <b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 43 Q&A 112 <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 232, 298, 68, 24	<b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m</b> <b>Casting Our Cares On God</b> I. What II. How III. Why <b>Scripture:</b> I Peter 5 <b>Text:</b> I Peter 5:7 <b>Psalter #'s:</b> 203, 415, 106, 202
<b>OFFERINGS: Today: a.m.</b> General Fund, Benevolence <b>p.m.</b> General Fund, Covenant Christian School <b>Next Week:</b> Benevolence Fund, Building Obligation Fund	
<b>USHERS: Today:</b> Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma <b>Next Week:</b> Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra	
<b>NURSERY Today: a.m.</b> Mrs. Cathy Hanco, Amanda Heystek <b>p.m.</b> Jessica VanDenTop, Lisa Heystek <b>Next Week: a.m.</b> Mrs. Debbie Heystek, Carissa VanderMeulen <b>p.m.</b> Mrs. Bethany DenHartog, Jeanetta DeBoer	
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b> VanDyken's - Today: Mr. H. Kuiper Next Week: Mr. H. Buitter	

We welcome all who worship with us today and pray that you might be blessed under the preaching of the Gospel

**Congregational Announcements**

**Consistory Meeting:** The Consistory meets tomorrow evening, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting.  
**Church Newsletter:** The October/November issue of the church newsletter is available in the narthex. One per family, please!

**Our Church Family**

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous" (Ps. 34:19). This is the experience of many in our church family. Some experience the affliction of sickness themselves, and others bear the burden of the affliction of family members and loved ones. Others are afflicted by the cares and concerns of this life. In all our afflictions, may the words of Psalm 34 be our prayer and confidence: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry" (vs. 15) for "none of them that trust in him shall be desolate." (vs. 22)

**Requested Announcements**

**Northwood Lights:** Please pick up your copy of the *Northwood Lights*, the school paper written by Covenant Christian teachers and students. It will be available in the narthex after the morning service. One copy per family please!  
**CCS Board Meeting:** The school board of Covenant Christian meets next week Monday, October 8, at 7:30 pm. for its regular monthly meeting.  
**CCS Fall Dinner:** Soup is on the menu! Come to the Covenant Christian School Ladies Aid fall dinner next week, Friday, October 12. Serving times are from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for good food, a good time of fellowship, and opportunity to give to the cause of Christian education here in Lynden!  
**RFPA Members:** Please pick up your copy of "Redeemed With Judgment", by Rev. Homer Hoeksema. This is volume 1 of a collection of Rev. Hoeksema's sermons on Isaiah. You will find the books on the table in the basement. Check the RFPA website - www.rfpa.org - for a variety of specials in the section, "Special Offers". If you are interested in joining the book club or purchasing this book, please contact Fred Hanco.  
**Women's Conference:** We look forward to seeing you at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Conference! Don't miss this opportunity to meet with other Christian women for a time of inspiration and fellowship. The

conference will be held at Lynden Covenant Grace Reformed Church (formerly Lynden OCRC) on Saturday, October 20, 9:15 am to 3:00 pm. Our speaker will be Rev. Geoffrey Donnan of Reformation Christian Ministries, an interdenominational mission serving in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Suriname, Guyana, Albania, South Africa, Russia, Iraq and other countries. The cost will be \$5.00, which includes lunch. (There will be no childcare.)

**Summer Class CD's Available:** The Reformed Witness Committee of Hope PRC (MI) is making available Professor Hanco's summer class series on Suffering. To order tapes or CD's either call Jason Cleveland at (616) 583-0419 or order via E-mail at [hoperwc@gmail.com](mailto:hoperwc@gmail.com).

**Advance Notice:** Hope Protestant Reformed Church in Redlands, California is planning a Young Adults' Retreat for the summer of 2008. Lord willing, it will be from June 30 to July 3 for adults that are 19 and older. Please wait for further details about registration, cost, and other information.

**2007 Church Order:** The 2007 edition of the contents of the green Church Order book is available. It can be ordered by placing a check for \$3 (payable to the PRCA) into a box on the table in the narthex.

**Our Church in Fellowship**

**Young Adult's Society** meets tonight after the evening service, with study in chapter 1 of "Near Unto God", Psalm 73:28.  
**Young People's Society** meets next week Sunday evening. Study will be from chapter 2 of "Jesus' Beauty Shining in You". Drew introduces the chapter. Mandy, Kyle, Brent, and Edward serve.  
**Catechism:** Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:15 N.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 3, memory verse  
9:15 - 10:00 N.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 3, memory verse, written work  
10:30 - 11:15 N.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 3, memory verse, written work  
Wednesday: 7:00 - 7:55 Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 3, written work  
8:00 - 8:55 Essentials: Lesson 2, study sheets  
**Bible Study:** Tuesday 1:30 p.m. I Corinthians 10:1ff (in the church parsonage)  
Thursday 8:00 p.m. 10 Commandments in Proverbs (in church basement, server-Linda)

**Calendar of the Week**

Sunday	after evening service	Young Adult's Society
Tuesday	morning	Catechism Classes
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	evening	Catechism Classes
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible Study

**Church News**

**Call:** Rev. Haak considers the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be missionary to the Philippines.  
**Call:** Rev.A. Brummel considers the call from Edgerton PRC (MN) to be missionary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
**From Classis East:** Classis East concluded its Fall Meeting this past Wednesday. Advice was given to a Consistory as to how to properly view Article 21 of the Church Order and how to deal with matters of conscience among consistory members. Advice was formulated and given with the prayer that it might increase understanding and wisdom in our churches for the promotion of "Good Christian Schools" (Article 21, Church Order). Pray for the Lord's blessing.  
**From the Pittsburgh Mission:** Pastor W. Bruinsma has been suffering from severe back pain the last few weeks which has prevented him from preaching and performing his normal labors. It is a trial for him, his wife and family, and the mission. May Jehovah grant patience and also healing.  
**New Congregation:** The council of Hull PRC' (IA) has set October 11 as the date for the organizational worship service of its daughter church, Calvary PRC.

**Quotes to Consider**

**Trust in God:** "God's people are always tempted to look to the arm of flesh. Whether for help in time of trouble or out of fear, they would compromise with the world or seek man's help. How foolish. ... (Man) cannot save us any more than a wisp of straw can save a drowning man who is being swept along by the swift current toward the mighty Niagara Falls. Nor can he do us any harm, for in himself he is powerless."

*Why, then should we regard man either to trust in him or to fear him? Trust in the eternal God.” -H. Hoeksema, from “Redeemed With Judgment”*

**So Busy:** *“I am so busy. We say this to one another with no small degree of pride, as if our exhaustion were a trophy, our ability to withstand stress a mark of real character. The busier we are, the more important we seem to ourselves and, we imagine, to others. To be unavailable to our friends and family, to be unable to find time for the sunset, to whiz through our obligations without time for a single, mindful breath, this has become the model of a successful life. . . The Sabbath is a patch of ground secured by a tiny fence, when we withdraw from the endless choices afforded us and listen, uncover what is ultimately important, remember what is quietly sacred. Sabbath restrictions on work and activity actually create a space of great freedom.” -W. Muller*

**True Religion:** *“Man's religion has in it no struggles, no dangers, and but few difficulties. The path it prescribes is easy, not hard for flesh and blood. It leaves out the pangs of the new birth - the struggle with unbelief, with the flesh, with Satan. ...It acknowledges no enemies, no hardships, no conflicts. It broadens the narrow way, smoothing its ruggedness, and plucking up the thorns and briars that beset it. God's religion assumes all these things as not only certain, but necessary.” -H. Bonar*

**Clothing and Lust:** *“Men and women, to their own shame, have glorified and worshipped the naked body as a thing of beauty, which God says is an abomination in His sight. Our nakedness is our shame; it shows that we are sinners! God made clothes of animal skins for our first parents in the Garden of Eden; for after they had sinned, they found that they were naked. So to unclothe our bodies and to parade them before man to be lusted after and worshipped is a slap in the face of God and openly says to Him, “I am not a sinner, and I defy You to punish me! I am going to walk as I please and do as I please, and You and Your Word will not tell me what to do!” -L. Shelton*

**“Not Unto Us”:** *“Self-righteousness says, “To me.” Man's unconverted will says, “To me.” But faith joins with God's Word in saying, “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name, be the whole glory of thy electing love ascribed: Thou didst not choose us, on supposition of our first choosing Thee; but, through the victorious operation of Thy mighty Spirit, we choose Thee for our portion and our God, in consequence of Thy having first and freely chosen us to be Thy people.” -A. Toplady*

<p><b>Reformed Witness Hour:</b> KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m September 30 - “A Dress Code for Marriage” (Col. 3:12-13) Rev. C. Haak</p>
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