

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - November 23, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Guarding the Lord's Table I. The Duty of the Church II. The Duty of Believers</p> <p>Scripture: Hebrews 10 Text: Lord's Day 30, Q&A 80-82 Psalter #'s: 77, 187, 384, 378</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Rejoicing in Persecution I. The Calling II. The Importance III. The Motive</p> <p>Scripture: Matthew 5 Text: Matthew 5:11-12 Psalter #'s: 115, 327, 300, 71</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Emeritus Fund Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Covenant Christian School</p> <p>USHERS Today: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff Next Week: Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter</p> <p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Rosanna Hanco, Jocelyn DeBoer p.m. Mrs. Bethany DenHartog Thanksgiving: Mrs. Leshia Kuiper, Cassi Flint Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore, Caira VanderMeulen p.m. Mrs. Lynn VanderMeulen</p> <p>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

Call to Worship: The Consistory calls the Congregation to worship this week Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m., for Thanksgiving services. The offering will be for Prot. Ref. Special Education.

Singspiration: The Young People's Society invites the congregation to a Thanksgiving Singspiration tonight after the evening service. We have also invited Covenant Grace Reformed Church (Rev. Camarigg's congregation) to join us! (While we wait for them to come, coffee will be available in the basement.) Because of the extra people, we will need some help with refreshments. Families with last names A - L are asked to bring 2 dozen buns or quick breads and M - Z are asked to bring 2 dozen bars or cookies. Thanks! The YP Society will set up, serve, and clean. Please make plans to join us in a time of thanks and praise to our gracious covenant God!

Young Adult's Society: Will you join us and the Covenant Grace Reformed Church youth group in singing a few unrehearsed special numbers at our Singspiration? We appreciate your participation!

Young People's Society: Please meet briefly in the basement immediately after this morning's service, to go over our duties for the Singspiration tonight. Thanks!

Church Visitation: In accordance with Article 44 of the Church Order, church visitation will take place, the Lord willing, Monday, December 1. Rev. Smit and Rev. Houck will be the ministers conducting church visitation this year.

Invitation: The Covenant Grace Reformed Church of Lynden invites both the PRC's Young Adults and Young Peoples groups to a night of Roller Skating at the Lynden Roller Rink followed by dessert at Dairy Queen on January 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. If an approximate number of attendees or those hoping to attend, Lord willing, could be emailed to me at kunya16@gmail.com within the next 3 weeks or so that would be greatly appreciated.

From the Deacons: The offering totals for August are as follows:
 General Fund: \$8868.28 Covenant Christian: \$1584.92 Building Fund: \$158.71
 Beacon Lights: \$130.20 Emeritus Fund: \$207.79 Evangelism: \$138.45
The totals in the General Fund from January to August 2008: -\$2308.78
 The offering totals for September are as follows:
 General Fund: \$6962.95 Covenant Christian: \$1418.11 Home Missions: \$132.25

Evangelism: \$111.76 P.R. Special Education: \$199.89
The totals in the General Fund from January to August 2008: -\$3096.75
 "Every man according as he purposed in his heart so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7
Shower: Ladies (and girls 8th grade and up), don't forget the shower for Alicia, scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethany DenHartog's home.
Family Visitation Schedule: (The elders will arrange times and dates with the families concerned.)
Week of November 24: J. Tolsma, Moore, Stuit, DenHartog
Week of December 1: F. Hanco, D. VanderMeulen, E. DeBoer, L. DeBoer

Requested Announcements

CCS Chapel: Come to Covenant Christian for chapel this week Wednesday, November 26, at 8:30 p.m. Rev. Hanco will speak. Join us for singing and a time of meditation on God's Word!

Psalms CD: "Fitting Praises" Vol. 12 by the PRC Psalm-Singing Choir is now available at the price of \$11 per CD until December 13, 2008. If interested, please sign up on the order form in the narthex.

Young Adults Retreat: The Young Adults Society of Loveland PRC is sponsoring a Young Adults Retreat to be held March 16-19, 2009 D.V. at the beautiful YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO. We are inviting all single young adults, post-high through age 30, to attend! Please email lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com with questions. More information to come next month.

Adult Retreat: The Loveland PRC (CO) is considering having a retreat during the summer of '09 for older, single adults ages 27+ and is interested in knowing how many people would be interested in attending. If you are interested please email Anita Brands at alynnb@q.com. Thanks!

Teacher Needed: Trinity Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, seeks to add a full time teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. We desire a teacher with math credentials but will consider all worthy candidates. Contact administrator Jim Regnerus at TCHS@hickorytech.net, 1-712-439-1921. P.O. Box 562, Hull, IA 51239 or Perry Van Egdome at vanegdom@hickorytech.net, 1-712-726-3545.

Our Church in Fellowship

Young Adult's Society does not meet, due to the Singspiration. Next meeting is next Sunday, D.V.
Young People's Society's next meeting is Sunday, December 7.

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

Wednesday evening catechism classes do not meet due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Lessons for **next week** - Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 34 (continued)
 Essentials: Lesson 19, written work

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 2:1-ff (at the parsonage)
Thursday Bible study does not meet due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Calendar of the Week

	Sunday	after evening service	Singspiration
	Tuesday	morning	
Catechism	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible
Study	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	CCS Chapel
Thanksgiving Services	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	

Church News.

Call: Doon PRC (IA) has extended a call to Rev. Bruinsma to be Philippine missionary.
Call: Calvary PRC (IA) has extended a call to Rev. R. Kleyn to be their next pastor.

On the Mission Field: Rev. A. Brummel preaches in the Philippines today. Rev. D. Kleyn preaches in Tucson, AZ this week and next. Rev. Haak preaches in the OPC of Franklin, PA today. Prof. Hanko preaches for the Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church of Singapore.

Quotes to Consider

Thankfulness in All Things: *“If we would put Habakkuk 3:17-18 into today’s terms: Although there be the collapse of the economy, panic in the banks, money devalued and worthless, jobs lost, grocery stores closed, all of our refrigerators empty, our pantries barren, savings and investments and property values lost, businesses eaten up and dissolved, left without a penny, possessions and cars and clothes gone, left simply with the clothes on our backs - yet...“I will praise the Lord.” -C. Haak*

Gratitude: *“Gratitude is the return justly required from the objects of His beneficence; yet it is often withheld from our great Benefactor simply because His goodness is so constant and so abundant. It is lightly esteemed because it is exercised toward us in the common course of events. It is not felt because we daily experience it.” -A. Pink*

Submission to God’s Ways: *“Thy way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be! Lead me by Thine own hand, choose out the path for me; Smooth let it be or rough, it will be still the best; Winding or straight, it leads right onward to Thy rest. Take Thou my cup, and it with joy or sorrow fill; As best to Thee may seem, choose Thou my good and ill; Not mine, not mine the choice in things both great and small; Be Thou my Guide, my Strength, my Wisdom, and my All.” -H. Bonar*

For Children and Young People: *“Think, I beseech you, upon all your privileges, the instructions, the warnings, the admonitions, the reproofs, you have received, even from your infancy—your father's earnest prayers, and your mother's admonishing tears—domestic teaching and ministerial advice—Sabbaths spent, and sermons heard—all, all must be accounted for at the last day—all will be demanded in judgment. You may now think lightly of these things—but God does not. You may forget them as they pass—but God does not. They are dealt out to you as precious things; the number of them is written down in the records of Omniscience; and in that day, when the throne shall be set and the books shall be opened, the improvement of each will be demanded, by a voice at which the universe shall tremble. ...Imagine yourself called into judgment to answer for your religious privileges... Imagine you hear that voice which commanded the universe into being, saying to **you**, “Child of godly parents, son of many prayers and much concern, give an account of yourself!” ...This thought fills me with trembling for you—if you do not tremble for yourselves. Man is an accountable being, and his accountability to God is in exact proportion to his opportunities for knowing and doing the will of his Creator. “For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.” (Luke 12:48).” -J. James*

<p>Reformed Witness Hour: KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. Nov. 23 - “Grace For Today” (Matthew 6:34) Rev. Haak</p>
