

**THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - December 7, 2008**

<b>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Good Works</b>	<b>Almighty God</b>
I. The Works	I. Who
II. Their Goodness	II. When
III. Their Necessity	III. Why
<b>Scripture:</b> James 2	<b>Scripture:</b> Isaiah 40
<b>Text:</b> Lord's Day 32, 33, Q&A 86-91	<b>Text:</b> Isaiah 9:6
<b>Psalter #'s:</b> 236, 77, 415, 1	<b>Psalter:</b> 132, 242, 394, 127
<b>OFFERINGS Today:</b> a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Building Obligation Fund	
<b>Next Week:</b> Benevolent Fund, Foreign Student Fund	
<b>USHERS Today:</b> Bart Zandstra, Ed DeBoer	
<b>Next Week:</b> Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma	
<b>NURSERY Today:</b> a.m. Mrs. Carolyn Tolsma, Mandy Hanko p.m. Mrs. Rachel Dykstra	
<b>Next Week:</b> a.m. Alicia Buitter, Amanda Heystek p.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra	
<b>TRANSPORTATION Today:</b> Mr. H. Buitter	<b>Next Week:</b> Mr. H. Kuiper

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

**Congregational Announcements**

**Congregational Meeting:** The Consistory calls all male confessing members to the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Monday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, one elder will be chosen from the nominations of Mr. Fred Hanko and Mr. Henry VanderMeulen; one deacon will be chosen from the nominations of Mr. Stephen Dykstra and Mr. Loren VanDenTop. Any lawful objections should be made known to the elders. A budget for 2009 will also be submitted for approval.

**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](mailto:kunya16@gmail.com) within the next 3 weeks or so that would be greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Program Practice:** The Sunday School will practice after church this morning in 1/2 hour sectionals. Children are to go immediately to their "classrooms", not to the front of church, to work with their individual teachers on their materials. **This week Saturday**, there will be practice from 10-11 at church (1/2 hour class sectionals, and 1/2 hour all-school practice).

**Christmas Program:** The annual Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 21, after the evening service. For refreshments after the program, families A-L are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies/bars and M-Z to bring 2 dozen buns/breads. Program Lunch Group #2 (Linda, Bethany, Chris, and Rachel) are asked to serve and clean up.

**Christmas Caroling 2008:** Please save next week Tuesday evening, December 16, for our annual Christmas caroling at the homes of the elderly and the shut-in members of our congregation. More details next week. Please try to join us in this praise to God for Christ's birth!

**Family Visitation Schedule:** (The elders will arrange times and dates with the families concerned.)

*Week of December 8: F. Hanko, D. VanderMeulen, E. DeBoer, L. DeBoer*

*Week of December 15: M. Heystek, Flint, S. VanderMeulen, Moore*

**From the Deacons:** Offering totals for the month of October are as follows:

General Fund: \$7057.95    Covenant Christian: \$1028.12    Building Fund: \$160.85  
Seminary Student Assistance Fund: \$147.39    Free Christian School (Edgerton): \$93.85

*Offering totals through October 2008 are -\$4046.66*

**Young People's Society:** Please study the "Bible principles" part of your study sheet on "The Christian and the Environment" and complete the "practical application" part. Be ready to defend your views on the basis of Scripture! We look forward to another good discussion!

**Requested Announcements**

**CCS School Board Meeting:** The School Board of Covenant Christian meets tomorrow, December 8, at 7:30 p.m., for its regular monthly meeting.

**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. (This is the last week to purchase at the special introductory price). If interested, please sign up on the order form in the narthex.

**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](mailto:TCHS@hickorytech.net), 1-712-439-1921. P.O. Box 562, Hull, IA 51239 or Perry Van Egdome at [vanegdom@hickorytech.net](mailto:vanegdom@hickorytech.net), 1-712-726-3545.

**Teacher Needed:** The Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School in Doon, Iowa is in need of a 6th-8th grade teacher with administrator duties for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested parties should contact [fvdt@alliancecom.net](mailto:fvdt@alliancecom.net) or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at [milovb@hickorytech.net](mailto:milovb@hickorytech.net) or (712) 726-3151.

**Assistant Needed:** Loveland Protestant Reformed Christian School is in need of a part-time assistant for a special needs student. We desire that this paid position be filled by early spring and continue into the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact Jordan Kamps (970-776-8151) or Rob Van Uffelen (970-593-9047) with any questions. Interested persons should give a written response to apply and mail to LPRCS, 705 E. 57th Street, Loveland, CO 80538.

**Our Church in Fellowship**

**Young People's Society** meets tonight at 7:45 p.m., with study on the topic: "The Christian and the Environment". Study sheets were handed out last week, but extras are available in the narthex. Cassi, Kyle, and Brent serve.

**Young Adult's Society** meets next week, with study in chapter 6 of "The Pursuit of Holiness".

**Catechism:** Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 11, memory work  
9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 11, memory work,  
written work  
10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 11, memory verse,  
written work

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 35, written work  
8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 20  
9:00 p.m. Pre-Confession Class

**Bible Study:** Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 3:1-ff (at the parsonage)  
Thursday 8:00 p.m. II Peter 3:8 (in church basement; snacks -  
Cathy)

**Calendar of the Week**

	Sunday	after evening service	Young People's
Society			
Board Meeting	Monday	7:30 p.m.	CCS
Catechism	Tuesday	morning	
Study	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible
	Wednesday	evening	Catechism

### **Church News**

**Call:** Doon PRC (IA) has called Rev. Bruinsma (Pittsburgh mission) to be Philippine missionary.

**Call:** Byron Center PRC (MI) has called Rev. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC, MI).

### **Quotes to Consider**

**Duty of Parents:** *“(The) most important duty, respecting both the temporal and spiritual good of your children, is fervent supplication to God for them. Without this all the rest will be ineffectual. Means are unavailing unless the Lord blesses them. The Throne of Grace is to be earnestly implored that your efforts to bring up your children for God may be crowned with success.” -A. Pink*

**Appreciating Blessings:** *“...is it not often true, that we learn the value of our blessings by their loss? Many a time an empty chair is the first full revealer of the worth and faithfulness of a precious friend. Would it not be best, if we were to seek to appreciate our good things—while we have them?” -J. Miller*

**“Age of the Laodiceans”:** *“The emphasis today in Christian circles appears to be on quantity, with a corresponding lack of emphasis on quality. Numbers, size and amount seem to be very nearly all that matters. ...This is the age of the Laodiceans. The great goddess Numbers is worshiped with fervent devotion and all things religious are brought before her for examination. Her Old Testament is the financial report and her New Testament is the membership roll. To these she appeals as arbiters of all questions, the test of spiritual growth and the proof of success or failure in every Christian endeavor. A little acquaintance with the Bible should show this up for the heresy it is. To judge anything spiritual by statistics is to judge by another than scriptural judgment. It is to admit the validity of externalism and to deny the value our Lord places upon the soul as over against the body. It is to...confuse things eternal with things temporal. Yet it is being done every day by ministers, church boards and denominational leaders. And hardly anyone notices the deep and dangerous error. O Lord, convict us! Forgive us! Deliver us!” -A. Tozer*

**Our Bibles...:** *“A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t. The key to victory is, ‘It is written.’” -C. Spurgeon*

**Selfishness:** *“Selfishness...shows itself in a total lack of concern for the lot of others. It is to be happy, as long as it is all right with me and I have everything that I need, and as long as I do not have to make too many adjustments for other people. Everyone out for himself. Listen to men and women, boys and girls, of every age as they talk today. Listen to them. What are they after? What do they covet? They covet the maximum of personal pleasure and the minimum of effort and responsibility. Have a good time, that is all that counts. The principle for life to which they are sold is SELF. But the Bible says this is idolatry. This is a denial of the living God. It is a denial (of the truth) that your life is not for yourself but is to be found bowing and serving and worshipping the only God through Jesus Christ.” -C. Haak*

<p><b>Reformed Witness Hour:</b> KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. Dec. 7 - “The Gift of Emmanuel” (Matt. 1:18-25) Rev. Haak</p>
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