

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - December 14, 2008

MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m.	EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m.
Are We Converted?	The Everlasting Father
I. A Question Properly Asked	I. Who
II. A Question Needing an Answer	II. How
III. A Question of Life and Death	III. For Whom
Scripture: Amos 5	Scripture: John 8
Text: Lord's Day 32, 33, Q&A 87-90	Text: Isaiah 9:6
Psalter #'s: 50, 143, 328, 232	Psalter: 179, 245, 284, 278
OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Foreign Student Fund	
Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Church Evangelism	
USHERS Today: Raphael Neff, Aaron Tolsma	
Next Week: Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra	
NURSERY Today: a.m. Alicia Buitter, Amanda Heystek p.m. Mrs. Karla Zandstra	
Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Charlene DeBoer, Ciarra Flint p.m. Mrs. Laura Heystek	
TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. Kuiper Next Week: Mr. H. VandeMeulen	

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 tomorrow evening, 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. A budget for 2009 is also submitted for approval. An agenda was distributed last week.

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.

Church Time Change: The consistory has approved the following: The Lord willing, on December 21, the evening service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Sunday School Christmas Program will follow the service.

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 next week 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 set up, serve, and clean up.

From Meadowgreens: Meadowgreen has informed us that someone left a brown jacket there the last time we conducted the afternoon service. If you are missing a jacket, please contact them.

Update on Christmas Caroling: "Please be at our church parking lot THIS TUESDAY evening, Dec.16, at 6:00 P.M. All carolers will sing with the Hanko's at the parsonage and then proceed to Christian Health Care Center and all sing together in the halls there. Then, for the sake of time and distance, we hope to divide into two groups, one of which will sing at the homes around Lynden, and the other which will sing at the homes near Sumas and Abbotsford, B.C. Be sure that any who would like to

be in the Sumas/Abbotsford group have the needed documents for trans-border travel, ok? We will try to share transportation as that is possible. We pray for an edifying evening and safe travel. Can YOU enjoy that with us?"

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

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

Requested Announcements

CCS Chapel: Everyone is welcome to come to Covenant Christian School for chapel at this week Friday, December 19, at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Hanko will speak to the students. Join us for a time of singing and meditation on God's Word!

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.

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 or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at 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 Adult's Society meets tonight, at 7:45 pm, with study in chapter 6 of "The Pursuit of Holiness".

Outlines are on the table in the entryway.

Young People's Society recesses until January 4.

Catechism: Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. O.T. Bible Stories: Lesson 12, memory work
9:15 a.m. O.T. History for Juniors: Lesson 12, memory work,
written work

10:30 a.m. O.T. History for Seniors: Lesson 12, memory verse,
written work

Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 36, written work
8:00 p.m. Essentials: Lesson 20, questions

Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 p.m. James 3:1-ff (at the parsonage)
Thursday 8:00 p.m. II Peter 3:11 (in church basement; snacks -
Joanna)

Calendar of the Week

	Sunday	after evening service	Young Adult's
Society			
	Monday	7:30 p.m.	
Congregational Meeting			
	Tuesday	morning	
Catechism			
	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Bible
Study			
	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Caroling
	Wednesday	evening	Catechism

Study	Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Bible
at CCS	Friday	8:30 a.m.	Chapel
School Program Practice	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday

Church News

Call: Rev. Bruinsma declined the call from Doon PRC (IA) to be Philippine missionary.

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

Trio: Calvary PRC (IA) will call from a trio of Rev. Eriks, Rev. Langarak, and Rev. Smit.

Quotes to Consider

Conversion: "...parents and church not only may but are also solemnly required by God to call their children to conversion. They must do this with regard to specific sins, as well as with regard to the entire life of the children. They do this, not only by saying, "Believe!" "Repent!" but also by thorough, careful instruction in the entire gospel of Scripture; by discipline; and by Godly example. God works conversion by His Word. Therefore, church and parents teach the children the Bible. He works it also in answer to prayers. Therefore, church and parents are to pray for the conversion of the children." -D. Engelsma

The Lord's Work: "(At times) we can become so engrossed in the work of the Lord that we forget the Lord of the work." -A. Tozer

God's Promises: "A great many mistakes are made about the promises of God. Some think that if God is to be with them, they will have nothing to do. Joshua did not find it so. He and his troops had to slay every Ammonite and Hittite and Hivite who fell in battle. ...God will not fail us, but we are not therefore to fold our arms and sit still. He will not forsake us; but we are not therefore to go upstairs to bed and expect that our daily bread will drop into our mouths. God does not pander to our laziness, and any man who expects to get on in this world with anything that is good without work is a fool. Throw your whole soul into the service of God; and receive God's blessing." -C. Spurgeon

In the Manger...: "Let Thy cross my will control; Conform me to my Guide; In the manger lay my soul, And crucify my pride." -A. Toplady

Worldly Riches: "Speak to your children disgracefully of the gallantry and pomp and riches of the world and of the sin of selfishness and covetousness, and diligently watch against it and all that may tempt your children to it. When they see great houses and attendants and gallantry, tell them that these are the devil's baits to entice poor sinners to love this world... Tell them how much heaven excels all this, and that the lovers of the world may never go there but the humble and meek and poor in spirit. Do not do as the wicked, that entice their children to worldliness and covetousness by giving them money. But tell your children how much happier a poor believer is." R. Baxter

The Root of Bitterness: "Bitterness arises in our hearts when we do not trust in the sovereign rule of God in our lives." -J. Bridges

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

Dec. 14 - "What God Did In Sending His Son" (Romans 8:3) Rev. Haak