

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

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. The Introduction to the Law I. Its Teaching II. Its Importance III. Its Encouragement Scripture: Joshua 24 Text: Lord's Day 34, Q&A 92-93 Psalter #'s: 69, 426, 1, 325</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 5:00 p.m. The Prince of Peace I. Who He Is II. The Peace He Brings III. The Beneficiaries of His Peace Scripture: John 14 Text: Isaiah 9:6 Psalter: 57, 7, 399, 127</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Church Evangelism Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Covenant Christian School</p> <p>USHERS Today: Casey Porter, Bart Zandstra Next Week: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff</p> <p>NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Charlene DeBoer, Ciarra Flint p.m. Mrs. Laura Heystek Christmas Day Rhonda Zandstra, Lisa Heystek Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Valerie DeKok, Jeanetta DeBoer p.m. Jessica VanDenTop</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. VanderMeulen Next Week: Mr. H. Buitter</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 Congregation is called to worship this week Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m., to celebrate the birth of our Savior. "...and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he will save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21) The offering will be for Foreign Missions.

Church Time Change: The consistory has approved the following: The Lord willing, the evening service **TONIGHT** 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.

Christmas Program: The annual Sunday School Christmas program is scheduled for tonight 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.

Congregational Meeting Results: At the annual Congregational meeting this past Monday evening, Mr. Henry VanderMeulen was elected as elder and Mr. Stephen Dykstra was elected as deacon. We commit these men to God's care as they take up the work He has called them to do. Mr. Henry Buitter retires as elder and Mr. John B. Tolsma retires as deacon. We thank these men for their faithful work! At the meeting, the budget was also adopted, with family obligations at \$68 per week, or \$292 per month; individual obligations are \$22.67 per week, or \$97.33 per month.

Attention Young People: Please meet downstairs immediately after the morning service for a quick meeting to confirm details for our Christmas party. Thanks!

Our Church Family

The congregation is invited to witness the wedding ceremony uniting Sean VanderMeulen and Alicia Buitter this Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. May God bless this couple in their lives together. (Those invited to the reception, please note the change of location: Lynden Christian Middle School Gym.)

In the church family, just like in our own families, each person has a special place. When one or more are missing, it is noticed. Mr. Jack DenHartog and Mrs. Marilyn Kelley have been unable to worship with us the past few weeks. We know that they long to be here. Please pray for them and their

families in their afflictions and let them know that they are missed. "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." (Phil. 1:3)

Requested Announcements

Northwood Lights: The Northwood Lights, the paper of Covenant Christian School, is available in the narthex after the morning service. Please pick up a copy!

Retreat: Loveland PRC (CO) will be hosting a young adults retreat (post-high through 30) March 16-19, 2009, D.V. Rev. R. Miersma and Rev. Haak speak on "The Mature Christian", focusing on I Cor. 13:11,12. Registration forms are at http://www.prc.org/current/News_Update/retreatregform20081.htm. Please email lovelandyaretreat@yahoo.com or call Esther at 970-372-6557 with questions.

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: Northwest Iowa PR School in Doon, IA needs a 6th-8th grade teacher with administrator duties for the 2009-2010 school year. Interested parties, 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.

Teacher Needed: The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham, of Wingham, Ontario, Canada, is planning to start a Protestant Reformed school in September 2009, Lord willing. We are seeking an elementary teacher to teach a class of 16 students of grades K-6. Volunteer assistance will be available. For more information please contact board vice president Mr. Harvey Kikkert at (519)523-4823 or email hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca.

Teacher Needed: The Protestant Reformed School in in Wingham, of Wingham, Ontario, Canada, is planning to start a Protestant Reformed school in September 2009, Lord willing. We are seeking a teacher for a class of 9 students of grades 7-12. Teaching will be assisted by online curriculum for the upper grades. For more information contact board vice president Mr. Harvey Kikkert at (519)523-4823 or email hkikkert@hurontel.on.ca

Our Church in Fellowship

Young People's Society recesses until January 4.

Young Adult's Society recesses until January 11.

Catechism: All catechism classes are recessed for this week.

Bible Study: All Bible studies are recessed for this week.

Calendar of the Week

Program	Sunday	after evening service	Sunday School
Day Services	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Christmas
Alicia's Wedding	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Sean and

Church News

Trio: Doon PRC (IA) trio for Philippine missionary: Rev. Eriks, Rev. Smit, and Rev. VanderWal.

Trio: Calvary PRC (IA) trio: Rev. Eriks, Rev. Langarak, and Rev. Smit.

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

Quotes to Consider

"Jesus": "You want to know what kind of a sinner you really are? Then do not measure yourself with others, but today, yes, on this Christmas day, make your journey of faith to the manger and look at the

Christ-child. That will tell you how great your sins are. So great are my sins that nothing but the Son of God could save me. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” -C. Haak

Storms of Life: *“The winds of winter soon show us which of the trees are evergreen and which are not. The storms of affliction and care are useful in the same way. They discover whose faith is real, and whose is nothing but profession and form. ... Trouble is often the only fire which will burn away the dross that clings to our hearts. Trouble is the pruning-knife which the great Husbandman employs in order to make us fruitful in good works. The harvest of the Lord’s field is seldom ripened by sunshine only. It must go through its days of wind, and rain, and storm.” -J. Ryle*

The Narrow Way: *“The Narrow Way must be followed, no matter how much it may militate against my worldly interests. ... The Broad Road, where the flesh is allowed "liberty" - "under the pretense of the Christian’s not "being under the law" - is easy, smooth, and attractive; but it ends in "destruction!" Though the "Narrow Way" leads to life, only few tread it. Multitudes make a profession and claim to be saved, but their lives give no evidence that they are "strangers and pilgrims" here, with their "treasure" elsewhere. They are afraid of being thought narrow and peculiar, strict and puritanical. Satan has deceived them: they imagine that they can get to heaven by an easier route than by denying self, taking up their cross daily, and following Christ!" -A. Pink*

Guarded Tongue: *“Many parents have done irreparable injury to their children's minds by a proneness to find out, to talk of, and almost to rejoice over the inconsistencies of professing Christians.” -J. James*

Patience in Prayer: *“Suppose you were to plant a young fruit-tree, and were to begin to pray for fruit from its branches; could your prayer be answered at once? It is thus with many things we ask for in our pleading—they must be grown before they can be given to us. God delays to answer, that He may give us in the end, better things than could have been given at the beginning. He seems silent to us when we plead; but it is not the silence of indifference, nor the silence of refusal—but the silence of love, which really assents to our request, and sets about preparing for us the blessings we crave. We need only patience, to wait our Father's time.” -J. Miller*

“Fill With the Wheat”: *“Youth is susceptible to evil doctrine. Whether we teach young Christians truth or not, the devil will be sure to teach them error. They will hear of it somehow, even if they are watched by the most careful guardians. The only way to keep chaff out of the child's little measure is to fill it brimful with good wheat. Oh, that the Spirit of God may help us to do this! The more the young are taught the better; it will keep them from being misled.” -C. Spurgeon*

<p>Reformed Witness Hour: KARI 550AM Sunday @ 8:00 p.m. Dec. 21 - “Why Jesus Came” (I Timothy 1:15) Rev. Haak</p>
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