

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY - December 28, 2008

<p>MORNING SERVICE- 10:00 a.m. Our Heavenly House I. The Building Described II. Our Taking Possession III. Remembering the Builder Scripture: I Corinthians 5 Text: I Corinthians 5:1 Psalter #'s: 52, 107, 228, 29</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE - 6:00 p.m. Coming to Minister I. Why He Came II. How We Honor His Coming Scripture: Luke 2 Text: Mark 10:45 Psalter: 51, 235, 109, 407</p>
<p>OFFERINGS Today: a.m. General Fund, Benevolent Fund p.m. General Fund, Covenant Christian School Next Week: Benevolent Fund, Foreign Missions USHERS Today: Ed DeBoer, Raphael Neff Next Week: Aaron Tolsma, Casey Porter NURSERY Today: a.m. Mrs. Valerie DeKok, Jeanetta DeBoer p.m. Jessica VanDenTop New Year's Eve: Rosanna Hanko New Year's Day: Mrs. Bethany DenHartog Next Week: a.m. Mrs. Deb Heystek, Erika Heystek p.m. Mrs. Heidi Moore TRANSPORTATION Today: Mr. H. Buitter Next Week: Mr. H. Kuiper</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: We end the year 2008 in God's house. The Consistory calls the Congregation to worship this week Wednesday evening, December 31, at 7:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve services. The offering will be for the Berean Protestant Reformed Churches in the Philippines.

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Installation: The installation of office bearers takes place, the Lord willing, next week Sunday. Mr. Henry VanderMeulen will be installed into the office of elder and Mr. Stephen Dykstra to the office of deacon. Mr. Henry Buitter and Mr. John B. Tolsma are retiring office bearers.

Thank You! Thanks to all who worked so hard on the Sunday School Christmas program last week Sunday evening. A special thanks to our Sunday School teachers: Mr. Ed DeBoer, Mrs. Alicia VanderMeulen, and Mrs. Bethany DenHartog. We appreciate all your work!

Attention Young People: Our Christmas get-together will be tonight after the evening service at the Flint home. Mr. Hanko can provide transportation for those who need it, from church to the Flint's and back to your homes again. Please let him know if you need a ride.

For the Young People's Society: It's time to pay your dues! Dues are \$16 per person. Please give to Carissa this week. Thanks!

Request: Can each family please bring two dozen bars or cookies to be served at the fellowship time at church following the funeral this week Tuesday? Thank you.

Our Church Family

Sean VanderMeulen and Alicia Buitter were united in marriage this past Saturday. Pray for God's richest blessing on them as they begin their lives together!

God took Mr. Jack DenHartog from his earthly suffering to eternal glory this past Wednesday afternoon. The memorial service will be this week Tuesday, December 30, at 2:00 p.m., at our church. Visitation will be Monday evening, December 29, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Valley Funeral and Cremation Service at 6512 Guide Meridian (just south of Pole Road, on the east side of the road.)

Please pray for Chris, Calvin and Bethany and family, Herman and Janny and family, Ed and Char DeBoer and family, and others of Jack's family in this time of grief. May God grant the peace and comfort that, in life or in death, He has promised: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13:5)

Requested Announcements

CCS Board Meeting: The school board of Covenant Christian meets next week Monday evening, January 5, at 7:30 p.m., for their regular monthly meeting.

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 Egdom at vanegdom@hickorytech.net, 1-712-726-3545.

Teacher Needed: The Northwest Iowa P.R. School in Doon, IA is in need of a 6th-8th grade teacher with administrator duties for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact fvdt@alliancecom.net or (712) 473-2556 or Mike Van Bommel at milovb@hickorytech.net or (712) 726-3151 if interested.

Teacher Needed: The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham, Ontario plans 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, Ontario plans to start a PR 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 meets next week. Study will be on the topic: "Seeking God's Will For My Life" Study sheets will be available next week in the narthex. Darren, Derek, Steven, and Erika serve.

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

Service	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Memorial
Eve Services	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	New Year's
Day Services	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	New Year's

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: Rev. Eriks (Hudsonville PRC, MI) declined the call from Byron Center PRC (MI).

From the Council of Hope PRC (MI): We continue to administer cyclone relief funds to the saints of the Protestant Reformed Churches of Myanmar. The three destroyed homes have been rebuilt. Because of a lack of jobs due to the cyclone, the saints in Rev. Titus' congregation continue to need support for food, medication, and clothing. At the present rate of giving, our funds will be depleted in February of 2009. The council is presently making plans to send a delegation to Myanmar in March of 2009, the Lord willing, if visas can be obtained. Continue to remember the needs of God's people in Myanmar in your

prayers."

Quotes to Consider

The Family Gathering: *"Those...whose cheerfulness made their Christianity so beautiful, and who thought of everybody more than of themselves...we shall see them all again. They are not lost, but only gone before. All, all will meet us in the great home, when the last trumpet sounds and "the whole family" is gathered together. ... If we belong to Christ's family, there is a better gathering yet to come. Let us often think of it and be thankful."* -J. Ryle

In Our Afflictions: *"In all their affliction he was afflicted." (Isaiah 63:9) Jesus weeps with us. He knows our sorrows, for He has passed through them all, and therefore He feels for us. He is touched with the feeling of our griefs as well as of our infirmities. Even in His glory He enters most fully into the fellowship of our burdens and sorrow, whatever these may be, for there is not one which He did not taste when He "dwelt among us" here. His is sympathy, deep, real, and true. It is no fiction, no fancy. We do not see His tears falling upon us; neither do we clasp His hand nor feel the beating of His heart against ours. But still His communion with us in suffering is a reality."* -H. Bonar

A Happy Marriage: *"A great many Christian books and counselors hail compatibility as the key to a successful and happy marriage. ...Marriage, experts tell us, works only when our needs and desires are met. But no such teaching is found in the Bible. In Scripture, we find that marriage works as a man and a woman stand before God in obedient faith, giving instead of taking, and serving instead of demanding. ...Jesus said of Himself, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." (Matt. 20:28), and surely marital love can be built on no other foundation."* -R. & S. Phillips

Prayer for the Young People: *"Our Father Who art in heaven, at the beginning of a new year we approach Thy throne of grace in behalf of the youth of Thy Church. ...Impress our young people with the vanity of earthly existence. Apart from Thee, life is vain. No matter how great the riches, how glorious the fame, how thrilling the pleasures, it all ends in death. Oh teach us to number our days, to live in the consciousness of the brevity of our earthly existence, so that we set our hearts on wisdom's way... De-liver them from the notion, the foolish notion of the young people of the world, that the good life is the life of doing what they please... Keep our young people, we pray, from the temptations of the ungodly world in which we live... May it be plain not only by what they do, but also by what they refuse to do, not only by what they say, but also by what they do not say, that they are the children of God."* -R. Cammenga

Pleasing God: *"If you seek first to please God and are satisfied therein, you have but one to please instead of multitudes; and a multitude of masters are harder to please than one."* -R. Baxter

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

Dec. 28 - "The Return of the King" (Revelation 22:21) Rev. Haak