

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY – MAY 20, 2012 [Faith]

9:30 AM THE PROPITIATION OF THE SINS OF THE WORLD 6:00 PM JOSHUA'S LAST STAND

1. Our Grievous Sins
2. A Gracious Propitiation
3. A World-Wide Coverage

Scripture: I John 2 Text: I John 2:2

Psalter Numbers: 134, 64, 233, 140, 283

Offerings: General and Benevolent Funds

1. An Obedient Stand
2. A Well-Grounded Stand
3. An Insistent Stand

Scripture: Joshua 24 Text: Joshua 24:1-28

Psalter Numbers: 273, 362, 213, 289

Offerings: PR Chr. Schools and Heritage PRC Building Fund

Offerings next week Sunday evening: Special Ed and Covenant Chr. School, Lynden

Helpers This Week: AM Infants- Amber Scholten, Brianna Noorman, Cassie Hanko, Kendra Kamps **AM Toddlers** – Kaelyn Hanko, Dana Mulder, Lindsey Holstege, Makaia Looyenga **PM Infants**– Ruth Kaptein, Suzanne Koole, Sara Noorman, Kara Kaptein **PM Toddlers**– Suzanne Dykstra, Scholten, Beth VanMeeteren, Haley Scholten **Ushers:** Mike VanTil, Dan Decker, Keith Noorman **Valet Parking – AM** James Haveman **PM** Dave Noorman **Library:** Closed

Helpers Next Week: AM Infants- Kristin Korhorn, Jenny Zanstra, Caitlin Smeda, Jenni Elzinga **AM Toddlers** – Gail Moelker, Esther Griffieon, Witney Scholten **PM Infants**– Lynda Scholten, Belinda Brummel, Laura VanBaren, Kelsey Kuiper **PM Toddlers**– Whitney Mol, Amy Kaptein, Brooke Scholten **Ushers:** Jason Scholten, Brian Koole, Doug Dykstra **Valet Parking – AM** Brett Bylsma **PM** Rick Elzinga **Library:** Celia Feenstra

OUR CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless and strengthen us by the preaching of His Word this Sabbath Day. For all those visitors who are unfamiliar with our evening doxology, it is "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior", found in the spiritual songs section just after the last Psalter number. Those who cannot worship with us but wish to listen to our church services are encouraged to call (616) 272-7410 during our services to hear them live. Service times are 9:30 AM and 6 PM E.S.T.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered this morning. Believing that the sacrament is to be supervised by the office bearers, we practice close communion. This means confessing members of the congregation, and those who have submitted their request to the Consistory for approval, are granted the right to partake. The service this evening is Applicatory.

Our Church Family:

- The sacrament of baptism will be administered on May 27 during the morning service to Harper Renae, infant daughter of Phil and Laura Kalsbeek.
- Jim and Renae (Bruinsma) Kuiper were united in marriage this past Friday. We pray God's blessing on them as they begin their new life of reflecting the perfect union of Christ and His church.
- Mr. Al Offringa will submit to shoulder replacement surgery tomorrow morning at Blodgett Hospital. Recovery will involve a couple of days in the hospital, followed by a few weeks of physical therapy at home.
- David Decker submitted to his first chemotherapy treatment this past Thursday. He will receive twelve treatments spaced over twenty-four weeks, followed by a month of radiation.
- *We would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers and cards that we received from the congregation. We have truly felt the communion of the saints. Larry and Pat Koole*

A congregational meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, beginning at 7 p.m. At the last congregational meeting, a proposal to update the sound system was approved. After more investigation, the council has concluded that some changes need to be made to that proposal, resulting in a moderate increase in cost. The new proposal will be presented for the congregation's approval on June 19. The written proposal has been distributed in the mailboxes, and extra copies are on the back table in the narthex.

Please join us for coffee this morning in the fellowship room after the worship service.

Next Sunday evening we will have our monthly song service beginning at 5:45 PM.

The summer issue of the Faith & Fellowship is once again going to be a graduation issue. Anyone who is graduating from college this year is asked to let Lanae Holstege or Stephanie Lanning know so that you can be included. All information for the Faith & Fellowship should be turned in by next week Sunday. Please put information in the box at the back of church, or

email Stephanie Lanning at silanning@sbcglobal.net.

Hope Heralds begins this morning at 11:25 at CCHS. We invite all men 9th grade and up to join us as we begin a new season of praise to God!

5th Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament by Faith Young People: will be held on Saturday, July 14 at Holland State Park. There will be 6 person teams playing in a round robin tournament. Cost is \$150/team. Sign your team up by calling Lavonne Kooienga 616-457-9333 at or email ljikooienga@sbcglobal.net

Women softball sign up is in the narthex. Practice is scheduled for June 4 at 7 PM at Hope School.

Young People: We have extended the deadline to Tuesday, May 22 to register for this years convention with out paying a late fee! Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Young people: We are looking for volunteers to do special numbers at the 2012 Young People's Convention. Please call Jon or Cheri Rutgers at 616-669-0708 or email to jon253@sbcglobal.net We appreciate your help.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Edgerton: Installation of Rev. Doug Kuiper is tentatively scheduled for July 8.

Reserve Sunday evening, July 8 for the Farewell of Seminarian Vernon Ibe and his wife Melody at First Protestant Reformed Church. Watch for more details!

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, 5/23 You are invited to join us when the band of Covenant Chr. High School and the Junior High bands of Adams Christian, Heritage Christian, and Hope Christian Schools present a combined band concert Wednesday, May 23, at the Allendale High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, 6/30 CCHS choirs end of the year concert - Wednesday, May 30 - 7:30 PM at **First Byron CRC** (note venue change). Alumni will join to sing with over 200 voices! ...including Battle of Jericho, Praise the Father Praise the Son, and In Christ Alone. Don't miss this!

Friday, 6/1 Pasta Dinner at Hope School Friday June 1st to benefit CCHS Cross Country. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and by donation only. We will be serving: Chicken Tetrazzini, Spaghetti Pizza, Salad and rolls, Dessert

Monday, 6/4 Eastside Christian School would like to present to you their fifteenth graduating class. You are invited to witness this milestone on Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Protestant Reformed Church. Rev. Daniel Holstege, son of one of our founding families, will be our speaker.

Tuesday, 6/5 The 8th and 9th grade classes of Heritage Christian School will graduate on Tuesday, June 5 at 7:30 PM at Grace Community Church in Hudsonville.

Wednesday, 6/6 Advance Notice: Hope Christian School will hold commencement exercises for both 8th and 9th grades on **WEDNESDAY**, June 6 at **7:00 PM** at First Christian Reformed Church of Byron Center (2450 85th St., Byron Center).

Thursday, 6/7 Adams Christian School will hold its graduation ceremony for both eighth and ninth grade classes on Thursday, June 7, at Bethany United Reformed Church (next to Adams School) at 7:30 PM.

Friday, 6/8 Commencement exercises for the Covenant Christian High School Class of 2012 will be held on Friday, June 8, 7:30 PM at Fair Haven Ministries. Rev. Ron Van Overloop is this year's speaker. You all welcome to attend.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

RWH Sermons (WFUR 102.9 FM at 8 AM and WFUR 1570 AM at 4 PM): Today: "Come Let Us Build!" Nehemiah 2:11-20; Next week: "The People Had a Mind to Build" Nehemiah 3

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School is in need of a full time or part time junior high teacher for the 2012-13 school year. Interested applicants can contact Pete Brummel phone: [712-439-2490](tel:712-439-2490) (school) /[712-439-1308](tel:712-439-1308) (home) email: pb1045@yahoo.com or Kevin Kooima phone: [712-726-3507](tel:712-726-3507) email: kevjoan@hickorytech.net

What do you know about the Reformed Witness Hour? Are you a regular listener of the program? Did you know you can listen to the messages 24/7 through our website, at reformedwitnesshour.org? Do you support this important cause of spreading the gospel in the U.S. and throughout the world? We thank you for the generous offerings taken in the churches and encourage you to remember us in our current (deficit) needs. Did you know that you can now also contribute to this ministry directly through our website? Hit the "donate" button and follow the instructions. And, would you have an interest in serving on the RWH Committee here in the Grand Rapids area? We meet every other month at First PRC, and are in need a few new members. We would welcome your presence and talents! Contact our chairman, Mr. C.Terpstra (cjterpstra@sbcglobal.net), if interested.

Please see the insert for the remainder of this week's Requested Announcements

SENIOR SINGLES FELLOWSHIP: We plan to meet this next Thurs., May 24th at the Rainbow Grill in Grandville (back section) at 11:30 A.M. After lunch the program will be at our Hope PRC. Your reservations are needed by tomorrow (May 21st). Please call Arlene Kamps (667-6015) or June VandenTop (735-0463).

Plan now to attend the 2nd Protestant Reformed Senior's Retreat scheduled for September 18-21 in Sioux Falls, SD! The registration forms will be available in a few weeks and will be sent to the churches and available online at our website. The registration fee of around \$195 per person will cover the expenses apart from the lodging. Optional day bus trips and activities will be available. You must make your own lodging reservations with the Holiday Inn by contacting them 605-339-2000 and requesting the Heritage Protestant Reformed rate of \$89 per night or by using the link from our website. Check out www.reformedsiouxfalls.org under "upcoming events" for the schedule of daily events and the hotel reservation link. We look forward to seeing you!

Faith Christian School of Randolph is hosting their 7th Annual 10K/5K/1mile Fun Run Classic on Saturday, August 4. Registration forms and more information are available on their website at www.randolphcs.org

Adams Christian School continues its deficit support drive for the 2012-2013 year. Information has been mailed out. If you did not receive a packet in the mail or in your church mailbox, you can get one by calling the school office. Please remember this need and send your gift or pledge to the school by May 21, or put it in the collection plate in the envelope provided. We need your reply even if you cannot contribute at this time.

The Loveland Protestant Reformed Christian School invites all interested in joining them June 22, 2012, for a celebration of 50 years of education as well as a dedication of the new church and high school addition. Please RSVP by May 26 to Jordan Kamps at jnckamps@yahoo.com or 970-776-8151 if you will be able to attend. Thank you!

Future Teachers and Ministers: The topics and submission requirements for the PR Scholarship Fund essay competition are now available. Please email Ben Rau at prcscholarship@gmail.com for more information. All submissions must be completed by May 31st.

All of this, the Lord willing