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### Bulletin Announcements

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### Reformed Witness Hour Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 8 a.m. - 102.9 FM (WFUR)

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### Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; I believe an holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.

A recording of the service may be obtained by calling Aaron Lehrman at (616) 365-2137 or you can email him at [lehrmana@yahoo.com](mailto:lehrmana@yahoo.com) or visit [www.sermonaudio.com/firstprc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/firstprc) and listen to our archive of sermons.

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The Lord's Day • Sunday, May 20, 2012

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship Service

Prelude  
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer  
\*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
\*Votum and Salutation  
\*Psalter # 319  
Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-17  
\*Psalter # 66  
Prayer  
Offertory: General Fund, Benevolent Fund  
\*Psalter # 298  
Scripture: Ephesians 2:8&9 (Communion)  
Sermon: "Saved by Grace through Faith"  
1. A Wonderful Salvation  
2. A Wonderful Grace  
3. A Wonderful Faith  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 283  
\*Doxology  
Blest be the Lord, our fathers' God,  
Eternal King of Kings,  
Who only is omnipotent,  
Performing wondrous things.  
Blest be His great and glorious Name  
For evermore, Amen,  
And let His glory fill the earth  
From shore to shore. Amen.  
\*Benediction  
Postlude  
\* Congregation Standing

Prelude  
Call to Prayer / Silent Prayer  
\*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
\*Votum and Salutation  
\*Psalter # 48  
\*Apostles' Creed (See back of bulletin.)  
\*Psalter # 319  
Prayer  
Offertory: Eastside Christian, Building  
Maintenance Fund  
\*Psalter # 308  
Scripture: I Samuel 12:24&25 (Applicatory)  
Sermon: "Only Fear and Serve Jehovah"  
1. An Appropriate Fear  
2. A Resultant Service  
3. An Important Warning  
Prayer  
\*Psalter # 50  
\*Doxology  
May the grace of Christ the Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above  
Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

Volunteer Schedule

Nursery this week

AM: Rachel Corson, Kayla Corson, Hannah Windemuller, Josie Vanderkolk  
PM: Jackie DeVries, Kris Meyer, Renae Roth

Next Sunday

AM: Rebecca Bol, Melinda Knott, Elizabeth Kortz  
PM: Ericka Pastoor, Kristin Kleyn, Anna Kortz

Greeters

AM: Dan & Lori Pastoor  
PM: (song service) Nate & Rebecca Bol

Next Week

AM: Lubertha Bykerk, Joan Slopsema  
PM: Ryan & Renae Roth

Library this week: Cheryl Corson

Next week: Lori Pastoor

Ushers: AM- Vance Hayes, Mark Voortman PM- Randy Corson, Dwight Quenga

Our Church Family

Our sick: Kris Meyer's surgery the past Thursday to correct the thoracic outlet syndrome from which she has been suffering went well. She expected to be released and return home yesterday. We pray that Kris has a good recovery.

Congratulations to Miss Winnifred Koole who will be 92 on Saturday, May 26 and to Miss Dorothy Baar who will be 83 on Saturday, May 26 and to Miss Kay Ezinga who will be 87 on Sunday, May 27, DV.

First Church News

This morning we are privileged to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In order to guard the sanctity of the Lord's Table all visitors who desire to partake with us must receive permission from the consistory. The offering is for Evangelism.

Material for the Across the Aisle is due today. This is the last one until September.

*Attention Singers:* Please take the opportunity to become part of the choir group that is forming for the purpose of singing at the Ibe's farewell program (July 8) and at our Summer Singspiration a few weeks later. We will meet following the morning services, from 11AM-noon, starting today. Anyone 9th grade and older (we especially need tenors) is encouraged to join us to praise God in song.

Our monthly song service is before this evening's service.

Next Sunday evening offering: Adams Christian, Holland Home

Advance Notice: Our Summer Singspiration will be held on Sunday evening, July 29.

Announcements

The Hope Heralds will meet this morning at 11:25 AM at Covenant Chr. High School. All men 9th grade and older are welcome and encouraged to join us as we begin rehearsing for this year's season of praise to God.

*Young People:* We have extended the deadline to Tuesday, May 22 to register for this year's convention without paying a late fee! Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Convention 2012: We are in need of more *Male* chaperones for this year's convention. The date for

the convention is August 13 - 17, 2012. Applications can be found at [www.prconvention.com](http://www.prconvention.com), or contact Dan DeVries at 616-735-4817.

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](mailto:jon253@sbcglobal.net) We appreciate your help.

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 Vanden Top (735-0463).

Softball Fans: Come out and join the SWYP at their annual softball tournament on Saturday, May 26th at Whistlestop Park in Byron Center. Games start around 8:30 a.m. and play throughout the day. Enjoy a lunch of grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, sno cones and drinks. We have 10 men's teams and 4 women's teams playing this year!! Enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.

Memorial Day: Begin your day with us at Georgetown PRC for the Bountiful Breakfast Buffet on May 28 from 7-10AM. Bring family, friends and neighbors! It will be tasty, hot and delicious! Benefits are for the Young People's Group.

*5<sup>th</sup> 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 [tljkooienga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tljkooienga@sbcglobal.net).

*Hudsonville PRC YP* are hosting a 3x3 Soccer Tournament on Saturday, July 21 at Heritage Chr. School. Cost is \$80 per team. Please see your church newsletter for a registration form or contact Amy Zwak at 662-8128 or [zwakfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zwakfam@sbcglobal.net).

Plan now to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.reformedsiouxfalls.org) under "upcoming events" for the schedule of daily events and the hotel reservation link. We look forward to seeing you!

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](http://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](mailto:cjterpstra@sbcglobal.net)), if interested.

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#### School News

The Covenant Christian Board meets Monday, May 21 at 7:30 PM.

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

this Wednesday, May 23, at the Allendale High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 PM.

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](mailto:jnckamps@yahoo.com) or 970-776-8151 if you will be able to attend.

Please plan to attend our annual Adams Boosters Memorial Day pancake breakfast on Monday, May 28 at Adams Christian School. Breakfast will be served from 7:00-9:30. We hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 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.

Eastside families, supporters, and others interested in our school, please reserve Friday, June 1, for our Annual Year-end Picnic. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids, Township Park. More details will come later.

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 roll and dessert.

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.

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

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).

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.

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 VanOverloop is this year's speaker.

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.randolphfcs.org](http://www.randolphfcs.org).

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 (school) 712-439-1308 (home) email: [pb1045@yahoo.com](mailto:pb1045@yahoo.com) or Kevin Kooima phone: 712-726-3507 email: [kevjoan@hickorytech.net](mailto:kevjoan@hickorytech.net).

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.