

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY

February 19, 2012 [SW]

MORNING: (Rev. A. den Hartog)

"Father, Deliver Us From Evil"

- I. From Evil's Tempting Power
- II. From the Evil One and All His Evil Work
- III. Unto Our Final Victory in Christ

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 52A

Psalter Numbers: 425, 65, 166, 385

Offerings: General Fund

Foreign Student Assistance Fund

Next Week: General Fund

Covenant of Grace PRC (Spokane) Bldg. Fund

Ushers: Dan Kaiser, Jeff P., Dale S.

Nursery: (I) Barb K., Jodi L.

(T) Brenda DV., Rachel K., Jori B

Next (I) Kathy S., Laura VD.

Week: (T) Jennifer H., Matthew DK, Anne K.

Nursery Cleaner for February is Amanda Kooienga.

EVENING: (Rev. G. Eriks)

"The Comfort God's Word Produces"

- I. The Confident Hope
- II. The Amazing Fruit
- III. The Committed Resolve

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:49-56

Psalter Numbers: 164, 5, 115, 327

Offerings: Benevolence

Reformed Witness Hour

Next Week: Benevolence

Perspectives

Ushers: Les K., Jon K., Gord S.

Nursery: (I) Elaine F., Lydia R.

(T) Lisa L., Alaina B., Kailey TB.

Next (I) Nancy S., Nancy VS.

Week: (T) Paula Kuiper, Laura R., Holly K.

Transportation:

2-19 AM/PM Services -- Natalie Jefferson – Todd Groenendyk – 2-26 – Phil Lotterman

2-19 PM Service -- Sadie Knoper – Les Kamps 2-26 PM - Rod Kreuzer

2-19 S. Hoving -- dinner – Laura S. PM – Dan Kaiser. 2-26 dinner – Beth W. PM – Marc Kuiper

Valet: February 19 and 26: AM – Tom Buitter, Larry VanPutten PM Bill Hofman, Tony VanDonselaar

A warm welcome is extended to all those who are worshipping with us on this Sabbath Day. May we in our afflictions look to our merciful heavenly Father for hope and comfort. "Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me." Psalm 119:49, 50

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In harmony with the policy adopted by our consistory to give our pastor one service a month off, Rev. G. Eriks will lead our worship service this evening. We welcome Rev. Eriks to our pulpit and to our fellowship today.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered for Clara Rose, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff DeVries, and for Carter Eric, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lubbers during the evening worship service next week Sunday.

Those asked to correspond with the Bruinsmas this week are Tim/Wilma Hafer, Tim Hanko, and Joel Huisken.

CATECHISM CLASSES:

---The Heidelberg Catechism Class should be prepared for Lord's Day 45.

---The Essentials in Reformed Doctrine Class should be prepared for the first part of Lesson 11 on the subject of the Fall of Man.

---The Pre and Post Confession Class will have a discussion on Articles 15 to 18 of the first head of doctrine of the Canons of Dordt.

---The Bible History Classes should be prepared for Lesson 20. Seniors should memorize Psalm 105:44 and 45.

SOCIETIES:

---The Jr. Young People's will discuss "relationships with your enemies" based on Proverbs 25:21-24 and Lord's Day 40 this morning.

---The Sr. Young People's will discuss I Timothy 5:17-25 this morning.

---The Sunday Night Bible Study will meet tonight. They will be studying the calling of the wife and husband in marriage, picking up at Ephesians 5:23. Prof. Engelsma's book "Better to Marry," is a good resource for preparation and additional study. The servers will be Hannah Westra and Jon Langerak.

---Mr. and Mrs. will meet Tuesday at 7:30 pm and will discuss "Making Friends of Unrighteous Mammon" in *The Mysteries of the Kingdom* and based on Luke 16:1-12. Bev Kamps and Norma Rau will serve.

---Wednesday Morning Women's Bible will begin with coffee at 9:30 and Bible discussion at 9:45. The discussion will be on the second part of the Twelfth Study based on I Peter 4:16-19. Sherry den Hartog will serve.

---Men's and Ladies' Society will meet Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bible discussion will begin with John 19:19.

REFORMED WITNESS HOUR:

The message today is "Boaz: A Willing Redeemer" based on Ruth 3:11-18 and next week will be "The Redeemer and His Work" based on Ruth 4:1-10.

NEWS FROM OUR DENOMINATION:

Rev. C. Spronk (Peace PRC, Lansing, IL) declined the call from the Edgerton Protestant Reformed Church (MN). Edgerton PRC has made a new trio consisting of Rev. R. Kleyn (Spokane), Rev. John Marcus (Edmonton), and Rev. R. Van Overloop (Grace). Rev. C. Spronk is presently considering the call to the Hope Protestant Reformed Church (Walker).

Rev. D. Holstege (Holland) will be going to Singapore at the end of this month to serve Covenant ERCS there for a period of four weeks. Let us pray for the continued blessing of the Lord upon Covenant and for a growing relationship with our denomination.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Australia, with whom the PRC have a corresponding church relationship, has informed the Contact Committee that one of their ministers, Rev. Chris Connors, has asked for and been granted release from his duties in the Brisbane congregation. Rev. Connors made this request after a number of years of struggle, due to prolonged ill health, and a steady decline in physical and emotional strength. Rev. Connors has served as a minister of the gospel in the EPCA since his graduation from the Protestant Reformed seminary in 1994. The Presbytery accepted his resignation from the Brisbane charge and declared Rev. Connors to be emeritus. He will be supported financially by the Presbytery for a period of twelve months in the hope that God will grant recovery and enable him to take up the work of the ministry once again. Let us remember Rev. Connors and the EPCA in our prayers in this time of great need.

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REGARDING OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

The membership papers of Mr. Ron Schipper have been transferred to the Hudsonville Protestant Reformed Church. We pray that the Lord may bless Ron in his new church home.

Mr. Phil Kraima has greatly improved. He has been released from the hospital and returned home on Friday. Let us be thankful for the mercy of the Lord in his life.

Mrs. Bonnie Huisken had some good days this week. The pain has been stabilized and her appetite has returned. Her hope is in the Lord and she is thankful for every good day the Lord in His mercy gives.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

The Southwest Evangelism Committee is meeting after the evening worship service today. Preliminary plans are being made by the committee for a lecture some time this fall on the theme of "The Kingdom of God" by Prof. David Engelsma.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Protestant Reformed Psalm Choir is practicing today at 2:15 pm at the Grandville Protestant Reformed Church.

The Faith Protestant Reformed Church Choir will meet today at 2:30 pm.

The board of Covenant Christian High School will meet Monday at 7:30 pm.

The board of Heritage Christian School will meet Monday at 7:30 pm.

The board of Adams Christian School will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 pm.

The Reformed Doctrines' Class will meet on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:45 at Faith Protestant Reformed Church and will continue its study of the doctrine and practice of the church. The topic will be the distinction between the church institute and organism. There is another important aspect of the life and work of the visible church besides the official and institutional. All are welcome.

The Special Needs Bible Study will meet this Thursday, February 23, at 7 pm at the Faith Protestant Reformed Church. Contact the committee at specialneedsbiblestudy@gmail.com with any questions, or if you have previously attended but cannot make it this week. "We look forward to seeing you there!"

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Southwest Church Pot-Luck to be held this week Friday, February 24, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please sign your name TODAY and how many will be attending the potluck. Please bring your own table setting and the following food: those with the last name beginning with A-J bring a Casserole/Main Dish, K-L Desserts, and N-Z Salads. A short program will follow the supper. Plan to attend for an evening of church fellowship.

Attention Mothers of the Southwest Young People! You are asked to make two 8 x 8 coffee cakes to be sold at the pancake breakfast of March 10. The pans will be provided and can be picked up in the narthex next week Sunday. You can bring the coffee cakes to church on Friday the 9th in the afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 or to the breakfast on Saturday morning. Thank You!

From the Finance Committee of Covenant Christian High School. As of February 13, \$159,000 of the approved budget amount of \$250,000 has been collected. They need to collect the remainder of that goal by this June or they will need to have a supplement drive. "We thank all those who have given to this cause of secondary education thus far. If you have not been contacted and would like to give to this cause, please send your gift to Covenant Christian High School marked 'Deficit Drive.'"

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REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued)

In the month of March, Heritage Christian School will be doing kindergarten readiness screenings for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2012. If you have a child who will be five by September 1, who will be going to kindergarten, and you have not been contacted for screening, please contact the school office at 669-1773 by February 27.

Adams Christian Preschool is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. Your child must be 4 years old by October 1, 2012. For more information or to enroll, please contact Rachel Sleda at 406-0686 or rachelsleda@hotmail.com by March 5.

The RFPA is now on sermonaudio.com! By visiting this page you can hear historical sermons by the Revs. Herman Hoeksema, Homer Hoeksema, Marinus Schipper, and Gerrit Vos. There also will be added sermons and lectures given at the time of the Schism of 1953, incredible treasures and testaments of God's grace to the PRCA in this dark time of trouble. For more information, contact bethany@rfpa.org.

See the bulletin boards for information regarding a new 2012 Denominational Directory (sponsors needed), fundraisers, books, events, CDs for sale, and vacancies: Hope Heralds 2011 CD, CD from Loveland, Trinity PRC Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser, February 19 (TONIGHT)– Voices of Victory Benefit Concert for Leah Griess and Nicole Kooienga (with Eric and Crista Phelps and With One Voice), February 25 - Grace Young People's "Night of Music," March 3 – Byron Center Young People's Society Dutch Dinner (family friendly menu), March 10 – SW Pancake Breakfast, March 10 - Heritage Spring/Summer Used Kid's Clothing and Toy Sale, March 17 – 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament, March 17 – Adams School Garage Sale, March 17 – Hope School Auction, March 24 – Festival of Tables (fundraiser for the Hudsonville PRC kitchen/catering committee – deadline to make reservations has been extended to February 27), April 19 – Covenant Foundation "Taste of Covenant IV," April 21 - 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament sponsored by Crete PRC (IL), and April 28 – Open Skate/Ice Hockey Event. There is also information regarding four fundraising concerts on the bulletin board (tickets can be purchased at our PR Christian Schools). Vacancies for teachers/administrators are a special education teacher at Adams, a high school teacher at Loveland, an administrator and a 6th - 8th grade teacher vacancy and a kindergarten teacher at Northwest Iowa PR Christian School, an administrative vacancy at Hull PR Christian School, a middle elementary teacher at Heritage, various teachers at Covenant Christian High School and a secondary education position at Trinity Christian High School in Hull, Iowa.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Men: Lord's Day 32 of the Heidelberg Catechism says that God uses our godly conversation to gain others to Christ. We are also called by God to prepare ourselves for service in the church of Jesus Christ and in the covenant community. Come join us for sectionals on these and other subjects at the Men's Conference to be held at the Byron Center Protestant Reformed Church on March 8 and 9. You can still register by signing up at byronprc.org. Registration deadline is **tomorrow**.

The Senior Singles' Fellowship will begin their new season at the Hudsonville Protestant Reformed Church on March 22. Watch for further details in the March 11 bulletin. New members are most welcome. If you have any questions, please call Eleanore at 662-4459.

Reserve September 18-21, Tuesday through Friday, for the Seniors' Retreat to be held in Sioux Falls, SD, at the Holiday Inn, City Centre, to be sponsored by Heritage Protestant Reformed Church. The theme of the retreat will be, "Our Glorious Heritage." Three speeches will take place: Rev. K. Koole on *Our Heritage of Faith*, Rev. A. Spriensma on *Our Heritage of Family and Friends*, and Prof. R. Dykstra will speak on *Our Heritage and the Future*. Registration information will be available in the churches in July along with the information to reserve your hotel rooms. For more information on campgrounds, area attractions, and to keep updated on the retreat, consult the website at www.reformedsiouxfalls.org and click "Upcoming Events" or contact Rev. Allen Brummel at a.brummel@prca.org or 605-271-3692.

