

“But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.” Isaiah 43:1

Peace Protestant Reformed Church

This is the Lord’s Day - April 19, 2009

Morning Service - 9:30 AM

Baptism
“God’s Everlasting Covenant with Us and Our Children”
I. The Eternal Covenant
II. The Promised Participants
III. The Parental Calling
Scripture Reading: Genesis 17
Text: Genesis 17:7
Psalter Numbers: 139, 289, 425, 360, 67
Offerings: General Fund & Benevolence

Evening Service - 5:00 PM

Preparatory
“The Meek of the Earth”
I. Their Spiritual Characteristic
II. Their Worldwide Inheritance

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37
Text: Matthew 5:5
Psalter Numbers: 122, 348, 96, 129
Offerings: Building Fund & PRCS Building Fund

Offerings

Last Week’s Offerings: Benevolence: \$556.00 Foreign Student Fund: \$322.50 HCHS: \$311.00
Special Offering Good Friday: Seminary Student Fund: \$254.25
Next Week’s Special Offerings: Foreign Missions & Faith Christian School (Randolph, WI) Building Fund

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: 11:15 AM - Young People’s Society
Monday: 7:00 PM - Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 52
8:00 PM - Essentials: Lesson 30 - Memory Work
9:00 PM - Belgic Confession Class: Articles 34
Tuesday: 7:45 PM - Junior Adult Bible Study
Wednesday: OT for Beginners Grades 1-3: Lesson 25 - Memory Work
NT for Juniors & Seniors, Grades 4-5 & Grades 6-7: Lesson 25 - Memory Work and Workbook

Announcements

A warm welcome is extended to any who are visiting with us today. We thank God for this opportunity to offer Him our praise and worship. This evening’s sermon will be preparatory as we anticipate celebrating the Lord’s Supper next Sunday, DV.

The congregation is privileged this morning to witness the sacrament of baptism as it is administered unto Riley Kate, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Shelby Holleman. “But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

On Tuesday, Mrs. Dorothy Bruinsma suffered a minor stroke. She was admitted to Ingalls Hospital in Harvey. She is undergoing therapy and hopes to return home soon. May God be near unto our sister and her family.

The Lord willing, the public professions of faith of Calvin Bruinsma and Leticia Fuentes will take place during the evening service of April 26. If anyone has lawful objection, he must notify the clerk of the consistory.

The elders will soon be conducting family visitation. This year’s theme is “Unfailing Mercies of the Lord,” based on Lamentations 3:21-36. A schedule is included in the bulletin. The consistory asks that you keep your appointment as scheduled. Please contact Elder L. Wiltjer if there are necessary changes.

Rev. Spronk and Elder Eriks will be attending a special meeting of Classis West held locally on May 6 as delegates of our consistory. Pray for all the delegates’ safety in travel and for God’s word and will to be evident

in the deliberations.

The Young People will meet this morning to continue their discussion of Revelation 12.

The Junior Adult Bible Study meets this Tuesday night. Bible discussion on James 3:7 ff will begin on page 39 of the study guide. After recess discussion will be on Article 10 of the Canons of Dordt. Aaron & Jen L., Mike & Beth V., Melissa DJ., and Lauren Warner are asked to bring the refreshments.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual combined Bible Study to be held at Cornerstone PRC on April 28 at 7:30 PM. Dessert and coffee will be served following the study. Study sheets will be out soon.

The Young People’s Society invites the Junior Adult Bible Society to a Gym Night this Friday, April 24 starting at 6:00 PM at school. Cost will be \$5 per person for pizza and pop. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

The Senior Adult Bible Study has scheduled a progressive dinner on Friday, May 1. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know if you are coming. You will be asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Any questions, contact Mary Terpstra.

The congregation is invited to Matt & Stephanie Medema’s home next Sunday evening, April 26, following the evening service. Buns and drinks will be served before singing, and those attending are asked to bring something to eat and Psalters.

A newsletter from Rev. T. Miersma can be found in the bulletin racks.

To request a CD or tape copy of a sermon, please complete the “Sermon Request” form on the bulletin board. Copies can be picked up from off the bookshelf.

Church News

The Council of Hope PRC is planning a public program concerning the recent work done in Myanmar. The program will be held at Hope PRC on Sunday, May 3 at 8:15 PM.

From the Contact Committee: Prof. H. Hanko and his wife will be leaving for Singapore this coming Thursday, April 23, the Lord willing, to labor in the Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church there. They plan to be gone for six weeks. May the Lord bless and strengthen them for this work, and may His blessing also rest upon the saints in Singapore.

Last week, Pastor Lau of Covenant Evangelical Reformed Church in Singapore had a transplant of both his heart and liver. The operation went well. He remains in stable condition. Although the doctors have serious concerns, they hope he can come out of intensive care Monday. Pastor Lau has a long road to recovery and slow progression is to be expected. The prayers of many being offered are very much appreciated. Many expressions of comfort and prayers from the PRC are particularly also deeply appreciated.

Calvary PRC has formed a trio of Rev. Daniel Kleyn, Rev. Doug Kuiper, and Rev. William Langerak from which they plan to call May 3.

Doon PRC has called Rev. D. Kleyn to serve as missionary to the Philippines, Immanuel PRC in Lacombe has called Rev. VanderWal to “come over and help them,” and Byron Center PRC has extended a call to Rev. Key.

Requested Announcements

It’s time again for the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Plant Sale. Smits Farm, Field of Flowers, and Windmill Acres have agreed to donate a portion of sales to help support our school. Please use the coupons provided to you when you make your purchases. If you need additional coupons, please contact Pam Holleman (219) 864-0957 or Cheryl Dotson (708) 339-5293.

The Heritage Christian High School Board reports the status of the General Fund contributions for collections, envelopes and dues at March 31, 2009 in the amount of \$62,468 leaving a balance of \$60,317 yet to be collected by July 31, 2009 of the total year goal of \$122,785. Thank you for your continued support.

Requested Announcements (con't.)

There will be a combined school board meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 PM at school, followed by separate meetings of the PRCS and HCHS boards.

The Illiana Oratorio Society presents Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) *Elijah* at the First Christian Reformed Church, 16248 South Park Ave., in South Holland on Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 PM. This two-hour presentation features David Buursma, Joseph Fosselman is the tenor soloist and choir members present the other solos. A free-will offering will be received.

Reformed Fellowship will meet Sunday evening April 19th at our school. Snack at 7:30 (Robin/Becky) followed by our continued study on the book of Ephesians.

We are looking for chaperones for the Protestant Reformed Young People's Convention on August 17-19, 2009. Join us for a spiritually-edifying and fun-filled week! Please contact Shon or Brenda Griess (616) 895-1237, sgriess@charter.net with questions or visit our website www.prconvention.com to print an application.

"Calvin as Model for Reformed Ministers" is the first speech of the Calvin Conference, designed for everyone who wants to learn from John Calvin's ministry. Pastors will see the breadth of Calvin's ministry and how it applies to their ministries today...and aim higher. Elders will learn what Biblical standards Calvin set for pastors. Must all pastors meet these standards? And every church member will learn what makes a faithful, reformed pastor today...from a pastor born 500 years ago. Prof. Gritters, Professor of Practical Theology and New Testament will tailor the first message of our conference so that it is of interest to men and women, young people and children, pastor and common member. Plan to attend! Calvin Conference, Sept. 3-5, 2009.

Visitors for Katheryn Poortinga: This Week: Bart & Tillie Z. Next Week: Matt & Stephanie M.

Nursery Schedule

This Week

AM - Beth V., Amy B., Beth H.
PM - Carrie B., Hannah V.

Next Week

AM - Kelly w., Danielle B., Jenna B., Kristina K.
PM - Liz B., Kristin W.

Usher Schedule

April

AM - David V., Greg B., Lee W.
PM - Aaron L., Daniel T., David W.

May

AM - Michael DJ., Mike V., Joel H.
PM - Jeremy H., Brian B., Adam B.