

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY

April 7, 2013

"Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psalm 127:3

Morning Worship 9:30

God's Description of a Blessed Home

- I. A God-Fearing Father
- II. A Home-Centered Mother
- III. God-Given Children

Read: Psalm 128

Text: Psalm 128:1,3

Psalters: 403, 236, 305, 360

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00-Preparatory

Loving God and the Brother

- I. The Commandment
- II. The Test
- III. The Reassurance

Read I John 4

Text: I John 4:20,21

Psalters: 350, 110, 369, 27

Offerings: **Building Fund**

Free Chr. School

We welcome you into the House of the Lord this Lord's Day. It is our prayer that you may experience the bond of God's love with us as we worship His Holy name. If you are a visitor, please sign the guestbook on the stand in the lobby.

FROM THE COUNCIL

We welcome Prof. Dykstra who will lead us in worship today. Pastor Griess will again lead us in worship next Sunday after his week of vacation.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning to Larrisa Ryanne

Dykstra, daughter of Ryan and Michelle. May the sacrament of baptism serve to strengthen our faith in the unconditional covenant of grace with us.

The consistory has approved the baptism request of Toby Boogerd for their son Graham Boogerd and the baptism request of Peter Brummel for their daughter Aria Janae Brummel. Baptism will take place DV during the evening worship service on Sunday, April 14

This evening our worship service will be preparatory for the celebration of the Lord's Supper April 14. Our participation in the Lord's Supper is a witness that we repent of our sins, believe that Jesus Christ is our righteousness, and desire to live in godliness. As this heavenly food can be taken to one's judgment (I Cor. 11:28-30) and as the receiving of this food as a congregational body is a confession of doctrinal oneness (Acts 2:42), the elders supervise the partaking of the sacrament. If you are visiting from another PRC congregation, please contact the elders before communing. Visitors from other denominations must appear to make their request at the consistory meeting prior to communion. If we cannot administer the sacrament to you, we are not judging whether or not you are a child of God; we are simply recognizing the reality that there is not at this time doctrinal agreement between our respective church bodies. Please respect our desire to be faithful to God's Word in this matter.

With thankfulness to God the following offerings were received for the month of March. General Fund \$16,606.41, Benevolent Fund \$1,067.01, Building Fund \$6,773.25, Trinity Christian High School \$1,646.75, Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School \$7,558.70, High School Tuition Assistance \$591.55, Seminary Student Assistance Fund

\$276.60, Reformed Witness Committee \$115.25, Reformed Witness Hour \$242.50, Domestic Missions \$218.30, Beacon Lights \$181.45

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Creeds will not meet today. Young People's society will meet after the morning service.

Tuesday: Lesson 24

Wednesday: Heidelberg Catechism is finished.

Essentials: Lesson 29b

Thursday: Adult Bible Study will meet at 7:00. Continue our study on Romans. Jane H. and Lori VB serve lunch

Family visitation will continue this week. Our theme this year is "Living in the Light of the Certian End" based on II Peter 3.

FAMILY VISITATION

April 8-Monday

7:00-Pastor Griess

8:00-Terry Dolieslager

9:00-Barry Pollema

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

Our Young Peoples Society would like to invite the congregation to our annual Potato Bake this Wednesday, April 10. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7:30. Please join us for fellowship and a meal of Baked Potatoes with all the toppings along with ice cream for dessert. A free will donation will be received for our young peoples convention expenses.

Please reserve the morning of April 27 for Calvary's wedding shower for Ellen Van Den Top and Jennifer Warntjes, and a card shower for Tyler Buys and Andrew Hoekstra. More details to follow later.

Our schools as we have them today are dear to us. Yet, they are not unique to the current generation. Rather, we stand in the heritage of reformers who have emphasized reformed, Christian schools for many generations. Prof. Dykstra has completed extensive research

on the history of Christian schools and will be presenting a special chapel entitled "The Reformed Churches' Zeal for Christian Schools" at Trinity Christian High School tomorrow morning, Monday, April 8, at 8:20 a.m. We enthusiastically welcome everyone to join us as we learn about and delight in a history that we claim as our own. College students, grandparents, parents, supporters, whoever – all are invited. 8:20 a.m. at Trinity. Hope to see you there.

Trinity Christian High School will be conducting the annual spring financial drive tomorrow, Monday, April 8. The goal of this drive is \$200,000 with the money going toward debt reduction. This includes the \$65,000 yearly debt payment and the \$45,000 borrowed to finish the locker rooms. The remaining funds collected from the drive will go to pay down existing debt in order to better position ourselves for projects in the near future. The Board asks that you prayerfully consider your donation to TCHS as we continue to provide for current and future students.

For all those who have been asking... eBooks are coming soon to the RFPA website! If you are a Book Club member, stay tuned for some great changes to the Book Club benefits, providing you an opportunity to save on both print copies and eBooks.

Advance Notice: Heritage PRC will be hosting the area churches at Wild Water West on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Mark your calendars and plan to attend for half off of regular admission.

The Hull YP Society would like to invite the area young people and 8th graders to join us for a night of skating on Monday, April 29. This will be held at the Sheldon skating rink from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. If you need a ride we will be meeting at Hull Church at 6:30. Cost for skating is \$4 which includes quad skates.

Inline skates are \$2.50 extra.

The Edgerton Protestant Reformed Church will commemorate her 75th anniversary on April 11. We will have a program Sunday, April 14, following our evening service, which will be at 5:00PM with the program beginning about 6:30PM. We also invite you to join us Saturday, April 20, for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at the Edgerton Christian Elementary School. We will have a potluck supper at 5:30 followed by a Bean Bag Tournament for high school age and older. Table service and cake will be provided. We ask those driving a distance to bring a cold dish. Please join us in celebrating God's faithfulness. To participate in the Bean Bag Tournament, contact Adam & Beth Fennema at abfennema@gmail.com or 507-227-7140.

Free Christian School will be hosting it's annual Pork Loin Supper on Friday, April 12. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30. Dinner will include a thick-cut pork chop, baked potato, vegetables, bread, and dessert. Free Will Donation. It will once again be at Bethel CRC, located on Main Street in Edgerton. Call Brianna Brands to RSVP at 507-220-2487 or email briannabrands@hotmail.com. Please note the corrected email.

Future Teachers and Ministers: Information for the 2013 PR Scholarship Fund essay competition is now available. Please email prescholarship@gmail.com to receive the essay topics and submission requirements. Completed essays must be submitted by May 31st

SENIOR RETREAT NOTICE: The Crete PRC will be hosting the Senior Retreat in the Chicagoland area in the early fall of 2015. Lord Willing.

Registration is now open for the 2013 Young People's Convention hosted by Crete PRC! Please join us August 12-16, 2013 at

Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, IL for a week of fellowship centered on the theme, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel" Romans 1:16. Visit the convention website <http://prconvention.com> for registration forms and additional information.

Crete Protestant Reformed Church is still looking for men to chaperone at the Young Peoples Convention, to be held this year on August 12-16, at the Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, IL. We hope to have all applications in by April 20. The chaperone application form is available on the Young People's convention web site, prconvention.com.

TEACHER OPENINGS

Trinity Christian High School of Hull, Iowa, still has need of a full-time teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. We are looking for a teacher of history, government, economics, and psychology, but all interested Protestant Reformed teachers and prospective teachers are encouraged to apply. Application should be made by contacting education committee chairman Wayne De Jong at wayne.dejong@vogelpaint.com or 712-395-1608, or principal Jim Regnerus at jregnerus@trinitychs.org or 712-470-0424.

Covenant Christian School of Lynden, WA. is in need of a teacher for a multi-grade classroom of grades K-2 for the 2013-2014 school year. For more information or to apply, contact the administrator, Fred Hanko, at ccslyndenwa@juno.com or call 360-354-5436 or contact Board President John Heystek at nwelectric@frontier.com or call 360-354-7021,

Offerings next week: a.m. General and Benevolent Fund p.m: Hull PRCS & Foreign Missions

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday-8:00 A.M..
KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM

Ushers: April: a.m.- Nick Kooiker, Justin Kooima, Barry Pollema p.m. – Jesse Pollema, Nathan Schiermeyer, Jeff Uittenbogaard

Nursery: today a.m.-Becky DJ., Wendy VD., Carlie H. p.m.- Missy D., Janae VM., Cassidy E. Next week a.m.-Courtney D., Krystal K., Caitlin VE. p.m.– Beth DG., Emily VV., Braxton B.