

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY

January 11, 2015

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.” Psalm 51:1

Morning Worship 9:30

The First Deacons

- I. Their Calling
- II. Their Qualifications
- III. Their Blessing to the Church

Read: Acts 6

Text: Acts 6:1-6

Psalters: 306, 51, 192, 112

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00 (Preparatory)

As We Forgive Our Debtors

- I. The Real Forgiveness
- II. The Only Way
- III. The Urgent Necessity

Read: Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 17:1-10

Text: Luke 17:3-4; LD 51b

Psalters: 368, 383, 44, 362

Offerings: **Hull PRCs**

Foreign Missions

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

FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of those who served on the various committees of our church over the past year. Your willingness to volunteer your time and talents for the good of Christ's church is appreciated. Let us all heed the words of the apostle in Galatians 6:10; "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of

the household of faith."

This evening's service will be preparatory with a view to the celebration of the Holy Supper next Sunday morning. Because the elders are called to guard the table of the Lord, all who are confessing members of our congregation in good standing, or who have received prior consent from the consistory are welcome to partake of the sacrament.

The consistory will meet Tuesday the 13th at 7pm.

At her request, the consistory met recently with Miss Katie Meyer. After hearing her knowledge of and love for the truth of the Reformed faith as taught here in this church, the consistory has granted her request to be admitted to the table of the Lord with us. May she with us be strengthened in our faith by means of the sign and seal of the Lord's Supper.

The evangelism committee will meet Monday the 19th at 7pm.

The FMC will meet Tuesday the 20th at 7pm.

The following officers of the Council were elected this past Monday night: President-Pastor Griess; Vice-President-Alvin Bylsma; Clerk-Mike Van Bommel; Assistant Clerk-Wayne De Jong; General Fund Treasurer-Joel Westra; Assistant Treasurer-John Keizer; Benevolent Fund Treasurer-Jeff Uittenbogaard Building Fund Treasurer-Carl Vande Kamp Parsonage Fund treasurer-Carl Vande Kamp

Offerings for the month of December were: General Fund-\$15,962.00; Benevolent Fund--\$1,339.51; Building Fund-\$8,125.00; Seminary Student Assistance Fund-\$268.60 Hull PR Christian School-\$4,166.25; Trinity Christian High School-\$1,725.50; Domestic Missions-\$231.25; PR Special Education Society-\$284.25; Christian High Tuition Assistance-\$530.30 Standard Bearer-\$187.25 Heritage PRC Building Fund--\$525.50

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Creeds class and young peoples' society will meet after the morning service.

Tuesday: Catechism Review lessons 11-15

Wednesday: WEALTH will meet at 9:45. We will study Lesson 14. Lunch: Helinda W., Jeanine H., Susan K. Nursery – Christiana W. Twinkling Stars –Courtney E. Precious Jewels – Susan K.

7:00-Heidelberg Catechism: Lesson 44

8:00 Essentials: Lesson 25a

Thursday: Basic Bible Study will meet at 7:00. Study will be from Lesson 4 question #2. Lunch: Jessica W., Ellen B. Prayer: Brett VV.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Rev. Kleyn, one of our missionaries in the Philippines reports that the conference with Prof. Engelsma on the five solas of the reformation went well. There were over 120 guests, and 270 books were sold. The books are available at a lower cost to the Filipinos due to the collections we take for the Philippine book fund. Something to keep in mind as that collection comes around.

Rev. W. Langerak plans to answer the call Doon PRC extended to him to replace Rev. Smit as second missionary to the Philippines January 25.

Peace PRC announces a new trio of Rev. R. Kleyn, Rev. W. Langerak, and Rev. C. Griess

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a visitor, please sign the guestbook on the stand in the lobby.

The 2015 directory is in the process of being updated. Please check the back table and make any corrections or additions.

The care committee would like to thank every one for their help and acts of kindness in the past year. We have seen the communion of the saints and a deep caring for one another in the Calvary congregation, whether through volunteering or through your own selfless acts. It is our prayer that God will bless our work for the good of His Church and to bring glory

to His name. We are again asking for your help in the upcoming year. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church if you are able to help. Thanks, the care committee.

HPRCS Collection Report for January 2015: The current offering total is \$89,725.46 of the \$109,615.63 budgeted (\$19,890.17 shortfall)

Beacon Lights: We are having a buy 1 gift 1 sale! When you purchase a subscription for yourself or as a gift, you get to gift another subscription to anyone you would like absolutely free. This is a great way to help spread uplifting and edifying material to those who need it. Don't delay! Call Matt Rutgers at 616 209-2824 or email him at subscriptions@beaconlights.org

Young Reformers Bible study will meet on January 14 for our second semester kick off. If you are college age please join us at 6:30 in the Game Room at Dordt College. We will be discussing meeting time, day and topics.

Faith Christian School in Randolph, WI is selling Racine Kringles (Danish pastries) again this year. corrievanderveen@yahoo.com or call 920-326-1960.

Senior Retreat: Crete PRC will be hosting our Senior Retreat on September 22-25, 2015 at the Cedar Lake Conference Grounds in Cedar Lake Indiana D.V. Our theme for the retreat is "The Christian Life" We will use the booklet that has been distributed by Edgerton's Reformed Witness Committee and modified by Rev. John Marcus, entitled "The Christian Life" by John Calvin as our guide for speeches and discussions. Prof. David Engelsma, Rev. Carl Haak and Rev. Nathan Langerak will be our speakers throughout the week. Registration will be opening up soon. "Doctrine is not an affair of the tongue, but of life; is not grasped merely by intellect and memory, like other branches of learning; but is received only when it possesses the whole soul, and finds its seat and habitation in the

inmost recesses of the heart.” John Calvin

Loveland Retreat: Registration for our young adults retreat is open until February 15. Young adults post-high through age 35 are welcome to register online at lovelandprc.org under Upcoming Events, or on our 2015 Colorado Young Adults Retreat Facebook page.

If you mailed in donations for the Special Education Drive and/or for the Heritage Christian School Capital Campaign drive in the time frame of January 2 through January 5, 2015, please check your bank statements to see whether or not your checks clear. Due to an issue with the county snow plows, some of our mail for one day may have been lost. We have no way of knowing what was lost, or if anything was even lost, but you can help by checking to make sure your checks sent school by mail in that time period cleared the bank. If they have not already cleared, please contact Sharon Kraker at Heritage Christian School (616) 669-1773 or at businessoffice@hchr.org. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Heritage Capital Campaign Drive for the purchase and updating of Freedom Christian School is progressing. As of 12-30-2014 we have collected \$501,975 of our \$600,000 goal needed by Dec31, 2014! Also, an additional \$109,050 has been pledged for 2015 which goes towards the additional \$400,000 goal (\$1,000,000 total for both years) needed by the end of 2015. Currently we have received responses from appx.25% of our constituents, so if you haven't responded please prayerfully consider this need and send in your gifts and pledges of any amount. For additional information please contact the school 616-669-1773 or businessoffice@hchr.org

Hope PR Christian School (Grand Rapids, MI) is seeking applicants to fill positions in both kindergarten and an elementary grade for the 2015–16 school year. For

more information or to submit your resume contact David Langerak (616-437-3643 / dave.langerak@gmail.com) or Dan Hanko (616-453-9717 / dhanko@hopeprcschool.org).

The Protestant Reformed School in Wingham is planning to begin a school in September 2015 with grades 1-8. D.V. To that end we are seeking applications to fill a full time teacher/administrator position for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information and to apply for this position you are encouraged to contact our recruitment committee: Henry Devries 1 519-367-3627 devries@wightman.com Brian Hilt 1 519-357-0667 brnhlt@gmail.com Gerry Guichelaar 1 519-395-5868

Teacher: As the Lord has blessed our 3rd/4th grade teacher with the expectation of a child due in April, the Loveland Protestant Reformed Christian School is seeking applicants for a full time 3rd and 4th grade teaching position for the last part of the 2014/2015 school year (April 13-May 22, 2015). Those interested should send a resume and contact administrator Jay Kalsbeek 970-988-1429, jaynlora@yahoo.com or board president Leon Griess [970-566-4568](tel:970-566-4568), leongriess@yahoo.com

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Offerings next week: a.m. General and Benevolent Fund p.m. Trinity CHS and Ref. Witness Committee

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday-8:00 A.M.. KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM Rev. Bruinsma will bring to us “Faith: Strength to Endure.” Next week, Lord willing, Rev. Bruinsma will bring to us “Faith: Strength to Endure (2)”

Ushers: January: a.m. Brad De Boer, Austin De Boer, Dave De Boer. p.m. –Mike De Jager, Kevin Eppinga, Chad Hoekstra

Nursery: Today a.m.-Ellen B., LaDonna VDT., Jason P. pm.- Keisha B., Erin VR., Belle S. Next week a.m- Lanae H., Carlie H., Caitlin VE. p.m.-Kim B., Jenna VR., Emma VDT.