

THIS IS THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2018

“But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” Habakkuk 2:20

Morning Worship 9:30

The Means of Faith

I. Appointed By God

II. Two Significant Means

III. Producing Rich Fruits

Read: Exodus 20:18-20, Exodus 24:1-11

Text: LD 25

Psalters: 10, 56, 92, 27

Offerings: **General Fund**

Benevolent Fund

Evening Service 6:00

Faith for a Crumb

I. Exposed Faith

II. Beautiful Faith

III. Answered Faith

Read: Matthew 15:1-31

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Psalters: 60, 107, 351, 103

Offerings: **Trinity Christian High 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. Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.

FROM THE COUNCIL

Officers were elected to the following positions, Vice President-Glen Kooima, Clerk- Ed Westra, Asst Clerk- Leon Uittenbogaard, General Fund Treasurer- Jesse Van Donge, Building Fund-Steve Westra, Benevolent Fund- Matt Brummel, Special Collections- Dave De Boer

Offerings for December. General Fund-\$22,561.63, Building Fund-\$7,757.23, Benevolent Fund- \$1,760.77, Hull PR School-\$5422.75, Trinity CHS-\$1,893.75. Covenant PRC School (Lynden) \$365.50, Christian High Tuition Assistance-\$773.75, Emeritus Fund-\$318.50, RFPA-\$289.25, PR Scholarship Fund-\$248.25, and Free Christian School (Edgerton) \$395.50.

With great thanks, the Council would like to acknowledge the many labors put forth on behalf of

the congregation during this past year by the various standing committees, sound system attendants, Sunday School teachers, janitor, and the many pianists who accompanied the worship service. The Committee on Committees has placed the new appointments of the various committees for the coming year in your mailboxes. The Council encourages the congregation in all the labors, by the various committees, for Calvary PRC in 2018.

The 12 month financial reports will be in your church mailbox today. Reminder to all college students that there is now a mailbox for “extra handouts” for you. Please pick up your information regarding the denomination and our church in that mailbox.

The council has formed a new trio from which to call a minister, of Candidate David Norman, Rev. Jonathan Mahtani, and Rev. Brian Huizinga. There is a congregational meeting set for January 21 after the evening service.

The Lord willing we will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. To help us celebrate properly this evening's sermon will begin to prepare us in our souls. 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.

With joy and thanksgiving to God the consistory received the confession of faith of Juan Luis Ortiz at their meeting on Tuesday. Juan gave a good confession of the Lord's Sovereign Providence in His life and of his love for the truths of God's Word and for the church. Barring any legitimate objections, his public confession will be heard during the morning worship service January 28.

Pastor Griess will preach His farewell sermon during the evening service January 28 the Lord Willing. Pastor Griess and his family plan to move early that week the Lord Willing.

The Congregation is invited to a Farewell Program for Pastor and Lael Griess and their family to be held after the evening service on Sunday, January 28. The program will start shortly after the evening service and will be followed by refreshments.

Katie Hanko's (Meyer) membership papers have been transferred to the Lyndon PRC. We commend our sister to their care.

The Consistory has received Lisa Van Den Top's membership transfer from Doon PRC. We warmly

welcome Lisa into our fellowship and pray that she may be richly blessed with us at Calvary.

The Evangelism committee will meet January 17.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Creeds Class and Young Peoples' Society will meet after the service this morning.

Tuesday: Review Lessons 11-15.

Wednesday: Heidelberg Catechism: LD 17 Essentials: Lesson 10b

Wealth will meet on January 17 we will be studying Lesson 16 Nursery Helpers: Margaret Lanning, Kolette Villalobos, Tonia Westra, Brittany Kroese Upstairs Helper: Kathy Poppema Lunch: Rachel Kooima, Courtney Engelsma, Gretta VanMaanen

Thursday: Congregational Bible Study will meet Thursday at 7pm to discuss articles 3 and 4 of the Belgic Confession.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Southwest PRC (Wyoming MI) called Candidate D. Norman.

Classis East met this past Wednesday. Two appeals were not treated because classis judged that the matter was not finished in the consistory. Another appeal was given to a committee of six men who will report to a continuing meeting of this classis on Feb. 28. Classis adopted an overture to limit the distribution of the agendas of classical meetings to current council members. The church visitors gave a favorable report of their work in 2017. Rev. Slopsema and Rev. Koole were chosen to be church visitors in 2018. Elected to represent Classis East at Synod 2018 were: Revs. Eriks, Haak, Langerak, Spronk, and Van Overloop; Elders Pete Adams, Gary Kaptein, James Lanting, Howard Pastoor, and Pete VanderSchaaf. Three subsidy requests were sent with approval to Synod 2018.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Deb Hoksbergen had knee surgery this past Monday. The surgery went well however Deb had a couple of blood clots in her lungs Wednesday and thus her oxygen levels were going down. Thursday looked quite a bit better, but the clots needed to dissolve back into her system. Deb came home from the hospital Friday. Remember her and Ron in your prayers.

Bernie Driesen was taken to the Avera in Sioux Falls and admitted Wednesday night for pneumonia. He had a lot of fluid on his lungs, and the doctors have gotten rid of most of that. He still has difficulty

breathing and is on quite a bit of oxygen. He is stable, but will need to remain in the hospital for a number of days yet likely. May the Lord uphold Bernie and Margaret as this trial continues for them.

Kim Boonstra has one more chemo treatment left next Tuesday and then she is finished with chemo. We are thankful with her and for her for that, as it has been very difficult. The next step for her will be surgery the Lord Willing, which will likely take place sometime the week of February 19. This has been a long road for Kim as you know and she is still on that road. Keep her and her family in thought and remember them before the throne of grace in prayer.

Congratulations to Brent and Stephanie Zandstra in the birth of a baby daughter. Kaley Jo Zandstra was born Jan 10 at 4:18 am. Stephanie and Kaley are both doing well. We give thanks to God for the wonderful blessing. Deuteronomy 12:12 “And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters.”

REQUESTED ANNOUCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors to Calvary and thank you for being here. If you would like more info about Calvary we ask that you please sign the guest book. We would love to hear from you.

The adult choir will meet today at 5:15 for a short practice. All singers are welcome.

Members of the WEALTH society, we are very thankful to have had Lael Griess as a leader over the past few years, but now, as she will be leaving, we are in need of someone to take over as leader. This position will begin on January 24 and will be every other week for the remainder of the 2018 WEALTH season (a total of 5 times leading). We ask that you prayerfully consider this need and if you are willing to volunteer, please contact Katie Westra at (712)578-8731, ktwestra25@gmail.com or Lisa Deboer at (712)348-1432, dldeboer712@gmail.com. Thank you.

The Care Committee would like to thank the congregation for their many acts of kindness in the past year. We have been blessed to witness the communion of the saints through the work of this committee, and we pray that God will bless our work as members of Calvary for the good of His church and for the glory of His name. Once again at the beginning of a new year, we are asking for the congregation's help in various ways. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church if you are able to volunteer in any capacity. All help is very much appreciated!

The Young Reformers Bible study is starting a new year with a new book to study. Come join us as we start our study on the book of Malachi. We meet on Wednesday nights at Dordt College in the classroom building in room 1316 (down the hall from the theater). Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00. See you there.

Reminder: The annual Trinity Christian High School promotional supper will be held on Monday, January 29, at Hull PRC with the punch bowl at 6:30 and supper at 7:00. The board encourages everyone post-high school and older to come and support our school! There is no need to RSVP this year.

Reserve Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. for a lecture at Heritage PRC in Sioux Falls by Mr. Ron Klaasen of the Trinitarian Bible Society entitled: "What are the differences between the King James Version and Modern Translations of the Bible?" Refreshments will be provided afterward.

The Freshmen and Sophomore classes of Trinity Christian High School will be hosting their annual Pasta Feed and Game Night fundraiser on Friday, March 9. Please reserve the date for an evening of fellowship and fun! More information will be published next month!

Heritage PRC YP are hosting our 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby fundraiser on Sat. Feb. 24 from 11-2 in the church fellowship hall at 3800 E 15th Street, Sioux Falls. Grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup will be served for lunch. Spectators are welcome and a donation box will be available for those who wish to eat. A donation of \$15 will cover registration, food, and the kit to build your car. Please sign up by January 13 by contacting Crystal at 605-937-7159 or crystalbrummel@hotmail.com. The kits will be distributed mid-January. Proceeds will go toward 2018 convention expenses.

The 2018 Young People's Convention will be hosted by our area churches. If you have ever thought about being a Chaperone or a nurse at a convention don't pass up this opportunity. It is a rewarding experience and might be the hardest job you'll ever love. Chaperone and nurse registration for 2018 Young People's Convention will begin Monday January 1, 2018. The convention is planned for August 13-17 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. To register, go to www.preconvention.com, and follow the instructions under the chaperone or nurse tab. If you have any questions, email us at Chaperone@preconvention.com

Advice for Elders on Family Visitation. Hudsonville PRC is hosting this winter's Classis East Officebearers' Conference on Tuesday evening, January 9, at 7:30PM. We have asked Prof. Gritters to speak on our practice of Family Visitation. The speech will be livestreamed on Hudsonville PRC's website.

Offerings next week: a.m. General and Benevolent Fund p.m. Christian High School Tuition Assistance & Foreign Missions

Reformed Witness Hour: Sunday-8:00 A.M..KLOH 1050 AM; 5:00 P.M. KDCR 88.5 FM Rev, Bruinsma will bring us "Arming Ourselves for Christ's Return (1)" I Thessalonians 5:8-10. Next week, the Lord Willing, Rev Bruinsma will bring us "Arming Ourselves for Christ's Return (2)" I Thessalonians 5:8-10

Ushers: January a.m. Justin K, Randall K, Brandon K p.m. Ron K, Blake M, Jacob P

Nursery: Today a.m Ellen B, Michelle VB, Jenipher VDT, Breck B p.m .Keisha B, Kerri VDB, LaDonna VDT, Paityn B Next week a.m, Shaely B, Sydney B Ava B Kerstin B p.m .Kim Br, Bonnie VE, Jenna VR, Tatum B