

## **Lord's Day, November 1, 2009**

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who come here to worship our wonderful covenant God. Please fellowship with us also following the service in the Fellowship Hall.*

### **Prayer & Praise**

#### **Our Worship**

- On this weekend in which we are especially grateful for the Protestant Reformation we recall the marvelous privilege to know God's Word and to know the grace of God which is found only in Christ. "How sweet are your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).

#### **Our Community and World**

- Today we pray for our armed forces and their families, both those in danger zones and those who recover from injuries. Pray that soon peace will come especially to the Middle East.

#### **Our Missionaries**

- Pray that the courses of Ethics & Biblical Theology that Rev. Steve Poelman is teaching this semester at Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be effective in the lives of his students. Also pray that the Lord will strengthen the Reformed and Presbyterian churches in India and Asia. They are slow in adopting Reformed doctrine and practices. Pray they may mature in this.

#### **Our Church Family**

- Pray for comfort and strength for Greta Miersma, Dorothy Miersma, Brian and Laura Bachar, Gertrude Vanden Brink, and their families in the passing of their husband, son, father, and grandfather, Harlan, whose funeral was held this past Friday. May the rich and gracious promises of our Lord sustain them in the days and years to come.
- Our Christian sympathy is also extended to Lila Van Ravenswaay in the loss of her aged mother who passed away last Wednesday in Wausau, Wisconsin. Funeral services were held yesterday in Sioux Center, Iowa.
- Continue to pray for full recovery for Joyce Dekker who is home recovering from meningitis. Praise God for the progress that Vickie Van Heyningen, Henrietta Visser, and Grace Vander Wal are making at home.
- Remember those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis, including Bets Bos, Billie Anne De Vries, Steve and Clara Van Hofwegen, Gertrude Visscher, Tena Gerritsen, Art Burghgraef, Rena Mellema, and others.

- Give thanks to the Lord for carrying Trevor Dalglish through his basic training.
- Pray for comfort, wisdom, and trust in the Lord as many undergo additional stress due to the economy, unemployment, and other problems that affect our lives and families.

#### **Our Federation**

- Upon their request, pray for the convening consistory for the Synod of 2010, the consistory of the Cornerstone URC, London, Ontario. Pray that they will receive wisdom to organize things well so that the Lord will be glorified in this meeting in July 2010.

### **Church Announcements**

**ALL MEN** are welcome to join the Men's Group in singing "How Firm A Foundation" (Hymns for the Family #32) during the morning service. Please come to the front during the singing of the second song.

**THE DOXOLOGY** this morning will be sung in praise to God and in memory of Harlan Miersma whose funeral service was held this past week.

**PASTOR'S CLASS** will meet this morning after the service.

**SINGLE FOCUS** meets tonight at the Falkena's house following the worship service. We look forward to an interesting discussion on relativism as we look at chapter 5 of Chameleon Christianity. Hope to see you there!

**TUESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S** Bible Study will meet in the Fellowship Hall this week. Next Tuesday, November 10, we will meet in the GEMS room at 6:00 PM for Bible Study. We will have dinner (it's Taco Tuesday!!). If you are planning on attending, please call Carol Vander Schaaf - 930.5887. Bring your own drink.

**FAITH CORE** will meet Friday at 3:15 PM! We would really like to have all 7th and 8th graders there!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin a new class next week entitled "Sharing our Faith." What are some scriptural proofs that state every believer is to witness/testify of Jesus and His Gospel? We are commanded to love our neighbor. How should this love of our neighbor impact the way we share our faith? Should the law be part of any presentation of our faith to an unbeliever? We will consider these items and look at some practical ways of sharing our faith during this four week course. Please join us!

**HOLD TUESDAY EVENING**, November 10, open to attend a concert at our church given by Matthew Smith of the group Indelible Grace. He is a member of a PCA congregation in the south and has worked with RUF (Reformed University Fellowship). Most of Matthew's music consists of the lyrics of old hymns set to new music. This solo concert will consist of Matthew and his acoustic guitar. The night starts at 7:00 pm and will end with a time of fellowship around some goodies. There is no admission price and no offering will be taken that night. Invite your friends!

**THE MEN'S THURSDAY** Bible Study will be discussing chapter 9 in *The Book of Acts in the History of Redemption*.

**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING** the next all church potluck after the November 8 service. It is also "Bring a Friend" Sunday, so invite your friends to our worship service, followed by a delicious meal.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE UPDATE:** Thank you to the 23 people who attended our candlelight Prayer Vigil and also to those who prayed at home last Tuesday evening! We had a special time together praying for the unborn children and their parents, as well as for those who work in the abortion clinics. Please check your mailboxes today for important information regarding abortion and the Health Care bills to be voted on in Congress. Thank you for your support!

**SHIELD** will be selling Kringle for two weeks (November 8-22) and will be serving samples on November 15 following the worship service. Please see one of the high school students during those weeks if you are interested in ordering some of these tasty treats.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** Wednesday, November 18 - SHIELD Soup and Pie Dinner.

**THE COUNCIL THANKS** the congregation for your willingness to use your gifts to serve the church this past year. Please pray about how you can be used in 2010 and fill out the form in today's bulletin. There is a basket on the foyer table for completed forms. Thank you again.

**CD'S** of the services may be ordered at the information desk.

**OFFERINGS:** Benevolent Fund \$1,215; Providence Christian College \$670; Faith Promise \$2,834; General Fund \$5,485.

### ***REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**INLAND CHRISTIAN HOME** Auxiliary will meet Wednesday, November 11, in the Friendship Center. Come for coffee and goodies starting at 9:30 AM.

**PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE** will be hosting a Violin and Piano Recital featuring Sarah Vendsel, violin, and Izumi Kashiwagi, piano, Friday, November 6, at 7:00pm. Vendsel and Kashiwagi are both accomplished musicians with a variety of experience in teaching and performance across the country. They are currently completing their respective Ph.D programs at the University of Southern California. More information may be found at [www.providencecc.net](http://www.providencecc.net) or by calling 909.673.8810.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 2:12a**

**NIV**, <sup>12</sup>"remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,"

**KJV**, <sup>12</sup>"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise,"

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- TODAY:** 9:00 AM Sunday Education Program  
11:20 AM Membership Class  
7:30 PM Single FOCUS, chapter 5, refreshments - Kevin & Lauren Meeks
- MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Council Meeting
- TUESDAY:** 9:45 AM Coffee Break Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study, Liz D.H. has refreshments, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:30 AM Men's Bible Study at Chino Denny's. Read Romans 15:22-33 and pages 216-224 in part two of "The Epistle to the Romans".  
9:30 AM GLOW, Liz D.H. has refreshments, Nursery: Nell & Cindy
- Family Night** 6:30 PM Bells of Praise  
6:45 PM Cherub Kids, Cadets, GEMS, High School Catechism, Adult Class  
7:45 PM Choir
- THURSDAY:** 9:30 AM Mary Martha, lesson #2, Henrietta H. & Grace S. have refreshments  
11:00 AM Men's Bible Study at Guasti Café, chapter 9
- FRIDAY:** 3:15 PM Faith Core
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 AM Sunday Education Program  
11:20 AM Membership Class  
11:30 AM All Church Potluck  
7:30 PM SHIELD, Refreshments: Austin- 3 dozen buns, Kyle- 3 dozen bars, Sierra- 3 soda.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

- NURSERY TODAY** AM: Mary Lapeyrade, Georgene Ligtenberg, Miranda Kortenhoeven PM: Danielle Dirksen  
**Next Sunday** AM: Shelli Cammenga, Cindy Rietkerk, Rebekah Dirksen PM: Vaan Huynh  
**November 15** AM: Lila Van Ravenswaay, Donna & Jacob Kortenhoeven PM: Heidi Laidlaw
- COOKIES FOR November 15:** Eleanor Vander Meulen, Irene Vander Pol, Nellie Vander Pol (5 doz. - have cookies here by 9:30 AM)
- CAR WATCH** AM: David Ligtenberg PM: Michael Ligtenberg **Next Sunday** AM: Gerrit Mac Leane PM: Mike Meeks
- GREETERS TODAY** AM: Russ & Cathy Smith; Joe Stache Family PM: Jerry & Ingrid Sterk  
**Next Sunday** AM: Len & Sharon Stob; Michelle Strong & Nelvina Sybesma PM: Kevin & Val Struikisma
- INFORMATION BOOTH TODAY** AM & PM: Betty Greydanus Fellowship Hall: Judi Rietkerk  
**Next Sunday** AM & PM: Nelvina Sybesma Fellowship Hall: Ollie Oldenkamp
- USHERS FOR November** AM: Craig Peters, Jim Peters, Michael Peters PM: Larry Vanden Berge
- OFFERINGS Next Sunday** AM: General Budget & Inland Home CARE Fund PM: GEMS (National Organization)