

Baptism

Next Sunday morning, D.V., we will witness the baptism of Madelyn Jane, infant daughter of Curt and Julie Hooyer (Parish 11), and William Brandt, infant son of Chris and Lisa Ver Meer (Parish 6).

Congregational Meeting

The following men have been nominated for elder: Greg Horstman, Gene Kamerick, Harold Meinders, Don Olivier, Dennis Roozeboom, John Rus, Bruce Schiebout, David Te Grotenhuis, Doug Van Gorp, and Bill Verhoef. Five are to be chosen. The following men have been nominated for deacon: Ryan Bandstra, Tim Kruid, Calvin Meinders, Glenn Meinders, Chad Vink, and Jaron Vos. Three are to be chosen. The congregational meeting is November 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Lord willing. Absentee ballots are available in the narthex. Put the ballot in the envelope and sign your name on the envelope. One set of ballots per envelope, please. You may return your ballot to a council member or the office.

Covenant Reformed Church

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Covenant's Media Ministry

In addition to our downloadable internet sermons, Covenant Radio Ministry can be heard on KCWN 99.9 FM

Our worship services are broadcast live every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

We also sponsor the Reformed Pulpit heard every weeknight on KCWN at 8:05 p.m.

Our services can also be heard on KCOB 95.9 FM or 1280 AM at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings.

The congregation is requested to be seated at 9:25 am and 6:25 pm so that they can enjoy the prelude and adopt a worshipful attitude in preparation for the service.

Although Covenant Reformed Church is equipped with ample nursery capacity for both infants and toddlers, parents who wish to take their young children to the sanctuary during worship are welcome to do so. However, if a child becomes disruptive at any time during the service, parents are urged to remove the child promptly in order that the congregation may worship undisturbed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Covenant Reformed Church or for more information about our church or its ministries, please contact the pastor or the elder at the door.

For the
Word of God
is living
and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12a NKJV

Covenant Reformed Church

October 31, 2010 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

October 31, 2010

Order of Worship

- Prelude *Organist, Jeana Van Voorst*
- Call to Worship *1 Chronicles 16: 8-13*
- Prayer of Invocation
- *Hymn of Praise #471 *"Jerusalem the Golden"*
- *God's Greeting
- Reading of the Law *Deuteronomy 8*
- Hymn of Confession #260 *"To the Hills I Lift Mine Eyes"*
- Assurance of Pardon *Psalms 130: 3-6*
- Congregational Prayer
- *Hymn of Preparation #13: 1, 2, 5 *"Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"*
- Scripture Reading & Text, Page 28 *Genesis 27: 41 - 28:5*
- Sermon *"Jacob & The Beckoning of Destiny" page 4*
- Prayer of Application
- *Hymn of Dedication #79 *"Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth"*
- Offertory *The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF).
Festive Piece on "Sine Nomine" arr. Dwight Elrich- Sung by the Choir*
- *Doxology #73:6 *"How Blest the Man Who Thoughtfully"
(unannounced)*
- *Benediction
- *Postlude
**Please stand if you are able.*

Dear Visitor,

We heartily welcome you to our worship service today. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless us as we worship Him. In our attempt to get to know you, and avail ourselves of your spiritual needs, we have designed this form to make us more aware of your presence, and if desired to establish contact with you. Please take a moment to fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.

Name

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

_____ (Last)

_____ (First)

Address: _____

Apt. # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone number: () _____

I am currently a member of:

Future Contact

I live in the area, and do not belong to any church.

I live in the area and belong to a local church.

I am just passing through town on a visit, business, or vacation.

I just moved here and am looking for a church to affiliate with.

I would like a visit from the deacons.

I would like a visit from an elder or the pastor.

I would like to obtain literature about your church.

Please let us know in what way we may be of service to you:

Comments:

Explanation of Our Worship

This brief explanation is intended to help explain the rationale for our mode of worship. In our day, it is customary to classify worship as "traditional" or "contemporary." Since the God we are worshipping is timeless, we avoid such time-bound references to characterize His worship. We prefer to call our worship "biblical."

While worship is the highlight of our week, indeed of our lives, and while it reunites us with our church family, the focus of worship is not on ourselves, but on God. There are two fundamental principles involved in biblical worship: (1) Worship is governed by what God has revealed about Himself in His Word. A corollary is that worship is to be in accord with what He has prescribed as acceptable worship. (2) Worship is a dialogue between God and His covenant people. So defined, worship is a communication. In this communication God speaks to us through His Word and we respond to Him either in prayer or in singing. Every aspect of worship must have a biblical reason and a biblical defense. It is of utmost importance that we assume a reverential posture in the presence of God.

The Consistory supervises and is responsible for every aspect of our worship service. The pastor, or guest pastor, leads us in worship, under the authority of the Consistory.

The songs we sing are chosen primarily for their theology or biblical accuracy. Biblical worship is aware of the importance of music to God, and has always appreciated melody, harmony, and rhythm. But all of that is secondary to a higher, primary concern: faithfulness to Scripture. Our songs are intended to complement, support, and apply the theme of the message.

1. *Call to Worship*: The Lord officially summons us to worship Him. This is usually done with the reading of an appropriate Scripture passage.
2. *Prayer of Invocation*: We call upon the Lord to assist and prepare us for the solemn task of worshipping Him; that our worship would be acceptable to Him.
3. *Hymn of Praise*: We extol the Lord in singing.
4. *God's greeting*: God welcomes us in His house of worship, and greets with His "Grace, Peace, and Mercy."
5. *Reading of the Law*: Here we hear God's law proclaimed to us. The Law is normative for our lives and reveals God's will for Christian living.
6. *Hymn of Confession*: In acknowledgement of our failure to keep the Law, we implore the Lord's mercy, or sing of His mercy. In some cases, a song of gratitude may also be sung at this point.
7. *Assurance of Pardon*: In response to our song of penitence, the Lord responds with the assurance that our sins are forgiven in Christ, wholly by grace.
8. *Congregational Prayer*: Here, the worship leader addresses the Lord with the petitions of the congregation. Prayer is often composed of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, or ACTS.
9. *Hymn of Preparation*: This song prepares us to hear the word of God, often anticipating the theme of the sermon.
10. *Sermon*: This is the center of the worship service. It is not because we place a premium on oration or human eloquence. It is because at this point the Lord speaks to His people, through His word and servant. The purpose of a sermon is to focus on Christ and His finished work. The desired response is *never* "what a preacher," but *always* "what a Savior!"
11. *Hymn of Response*: We respond with appropriate singing, again emphasizing the theme of the sermon.
12. *Offerings*: This is an offering to the Lord, usually for a cause we support.
13. *Doxology*: This is a song in which we celebrate the glory and supreme majesty of God, while accentuating our complete dependence on Him and His goodness to us.
14. *Benediction*: The worship service is officially over. The Lord dismisses us with His blessing.

If you have any further questions about our church or ministries, please do not hesitate to contact one of our elders or the Pastor.

"Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:1

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!

Our services will be led today by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

Prayer Matters

Illness

We rejoice with Jerald and Dorothy Van Wyk (Parish 14) and their families in thanking God for rendering Jerald cancer free! Brother Van Wyk remains frail, and continues to suffer post-surgical side effects. But the latest CT and blood tests show no sign of the cancer.

Doug and Benita LeMahieu (Parish 12) and their children continue to enjoy their work in PNG. But of late, they have experienced several challenges ranging from malaria, bronchitis, and other medical concerns. Leif has recently injured his foot very severely after kicking a soccer ball barefoot. Thankfully, he did not need to be evacuated to Cairns, Australia. An X-ray showed no fracture; but the swelling is very severe. Despite these challenges, the family is grateful for their contribution to God's Kingdom in New Guinea, and looks forward to seeing you, Lord willing, in July 2011.

Bob Van Hal (Parish 3) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. It is thought not to be very serious. He was scheduled to undergo an outpatient surgical procedure aimed at removing the tumors from the bladder. Pray that the Lord will grant Brother Van Hal a quick and complete recovery.

Larry Gullion (Parish 9) has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please remember the Gullion family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Gift of New Life

We join the Mark and Sandi De Vries (Parish 7) family in giving thanks to God for the birth of their son, Alex Joel. He was born on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Alex joins brother Andrew and sister Abigail.

Birthday

We wish birthday blessings to Harry Tibboel (Parish 6) who will be 91 years old on October 31. Harry's address is 607 E. 3rd, Apt. 406, Pella.

We wish birthday blessings to Stewart Kanis (Parish 15) who will be 81 years old on November 2. Stewart's address is 1119 Sunset Ave, Pella.

We wish birthday blessings to Harold Vos (Parish 6) who will be 82 years old on November 5. Harold's address is 1005 E. 1st Street, Pella.

See the back page for more announcements.

Jacob & The Beckoning of Destiny

Scripture Reading & Text: *Genesis 27:41– 28:5* Page 28

Jacob runs back to the future:

I. What he is running from;

II. What he is running to; and.

III. What he is running with.

Today at Covenant...

Morning Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School & Catechism

10:45 am-11:35 am

October offering is for REMM.

Adult Sunday School

Dust to Glory –Council Room

God's Hand in History –Room 106

Choir Rehearsal

5:00 pm

Evening Worship Service

6:30 pm

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2

Sermon: Solus Christus (Christ Alone)!

Offerings

(am) Christian Education Assistance Fund (CEAF)

(pm) The Luke Society

Infant Nursery

(am) Holly Schiebout, Deanne Breems

(pm) Denise Ver Meer, Frances Rus

Toddler Nursery

(am) Laurel De Vries, Lila Gullion, Jared De Vries

(pm) Coretha Rozendaal, Emma Farwell

Floater: (am) Meghan Parman (pm) Jill Van Soelen

Enfolding

Lawrence & Irene Blom

Greeters

Chad & Jana Vink Family

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts

Al & Bev Van Haaften

Librarians

(am) Mary Ann Olivier, Ruth Gorter, Erma Stursma

(pm) Marie Schiebout, Alice Vande Haar, Florence Meinders