

Pease Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Smit~July 4, 2010

WELCOME to the gathering of God's people on this July 4th holiday. God invites us to come worship Him on this wonderful day of celebration. We thank God for the freedom and the blessings He has given us. Today God calls us to show our gratitude to Him for the way He has provided for us as a nation. We also need to pray for God's guidance for our land. God says in His Word, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome to you. Our worship here is at the very center of what we are as Christians, but it is only a fraction of what we have to offer as a church. Please sign our Friendship Folder when it is passed during the children's message. We invite you to join us after our worship for refreshments in the lobby.

Today we welcome to our church family **Arlene Droogsma** who comes to us from the Faith Christian Reformed Church in New Brighton. Arlene makes her home at the Milaca Elim Care Center

Your offerings for the month of July 2010 will be received as follows: July 11 Starfish Ministries; July 18-Benevolent Fund and July 25-Building Fund

Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Sid Droogsma** who will celebrate his 86th birthday tomorrow, July 5.

Isabel Byker was able to return home from the University Hospital on Tuesday.

We express our sympathy to **Carol Timmer** in the death of her husband, Gary, and to **Don & Marg Timmer** and **Loren & Joyce Timmer** in the passing of their brother on Monday. Gary's funeral was Friday morning as we focused on Ephesians 6:10-17

We also extend our sympathy to **Eleanor Veurink** in the death of her brother, William Marcus, from Prinsburg, MN.

Grace Benedict is now a resident of the Milaca Elim Home.

"I would like to thank you all for your kindness during my chemo. For the food, cards and especially the prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Dave for his prayers, visits and telephone calls. I'm so glad to be in this church family. God bless you all." ~ Grace Godeke

We welcome back the 15 youth group kids and 2 adult leaders who spent this past week in Grand Rapids, MI on a Serve Project. Praise God for their work and for a safe trip.

The Video library is in **desperate need of more volunteers**. If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Elaine Kuperus as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have not paid for your July 16th **MN Twins tickets**, please do so soon in the church office. \$35 for the Twins Ticket and bus ride. Make checks payable to CRC of Pease; Memo-MN Twins .

The summer edition of the church newsletter, **Reflections**, is available either in your mailbox or from the tables in the foyer.

Change is a fact of life! That means it may be time to update your estate plan. Your plan should reflect your current family and financial circumstances. Don Long, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will come alongside you to help review your current plan. This confidential Estate Planning review is available to you at no charge and with no obligation. **Don** will be meeting with Christian families in our area during the week of July 19 – 22, 2010. Call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment.

Praying For Our Local Churches: This week we ask the Lord's blessing on the **Grace Fellowship Congregation** and the ministry of **Pastor Don Brown**.

Women of Faith at the Excel Center on October 22 & 23. Please take a minute to look at the display in the foyer for more information. Don't miss these "Over the Top" speakers and spiritual experience. Sign up using the sheets by the display or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	- 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	-7:15 p.m.	Adult Softball vs. Assembly of God/Alliance
Tuesday	- 7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday	- 7:00 p.m.	Facilitator's meeting
	- 7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Thursday	-6:30 p.m.	Youth Softball vs. New Life Christian Center

Advanced Dates

Building Team meeting, Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m.

A Musical Evening with Ken Hinkle: 6:00 pm, Sunday, July 25.

Ministry Opportunities

Organist Today: Dort Brink

Praise Team Members: Marlin Ege, Shirley Geurkink,
Linda Droogsma

Children's Message Next Sunday: Pastor Dave

Offering Assistants Today: Tori Broberg (east) Ricky Patten (west)

Ushers Next Week: John & Brenda Santema, Bud & Vonda Terpstra,
Steve & Sandy Meixell

Greeters Today: East: Terry & Sharry Kragt
West: Ray & Lil Droogsma

Greeters Next Week: East: Alan & Ruth Ann Kragt
West: Roger & Glady Greene

Library Helper Today: Mary Koppendrayer

Next Week: Carol Van Someren

Little Footprints Nursery This Week: Jaime Pipkin,
Jackie Bekius, Adam Angermeier, Molly Banks

Little Footprints Nursery Next Week: Kris Kiel, Jenn Piepgras,
Brad Bekius, Shane Lloyd

Worship Center Leader: Jayne Kiel "*Jesus Makes Lazarus Alive Again*"

Greeters: Brooke Christensen, Kenny Bekius

Little Lambs Leader: Bonnie Kaun "*It's a Noisy Place*"

Greeters: Molly Banks, Cole Patten

Video Library Today: Megan Kok & Julie Goslinga

Video Library Next Week: Morgan Ege & Kayla Santema

Sound Board Today: Tom Patten **Next Week:** Bernie Boldt

Media this week: Linda Droogsma **Next week:** Stacy Patten

Praying for the International Church

Pakistan

Eleven-year-old Danish Masih was kidnapped and forced into bonded labor to pay off his family's debt to a powerful Muslim landowner. Since his abduction 18 months ago Masih has been working without a break from 4am to 11pm, often in iron chains. Growing weak and ill from malnutrition he survives on only half a loaf of bread per day. To the family's dismay, Ashraf Cheema the landowner, when contacted by Compass News said that no such boy works at his farm or fields, and that "someone must have misled you." The denying of his existence means that although Masih is working in slave-like conditions, he is doing nothing to pay off the family debt. Previously the boy's father and older brother had also been working for the same rich and influential landowner to pay off the debt of 142,000 rupees (US\$1,640), but their employer was neither paying their monthly wages nor deducting the amounts from their debt. The family then fled the area to escape the situation, only to have the young boy abducted. Young converts previously held in prison for Christian activities have fled country.

Haiti Position Opening - CRWRC has a vacancy for a Haiti Project Manager. Priority will be given to qualified applicants who are currently living or have in the past lived in Haiti and who have at least five years of recent project leadership / management, community development or organizational consultation and human resource management experience. For more information, please visit www.crwrc.org.



