

Pease Christian Reformed Church
Pastor David Smit ~ July 11, 2010

God Is Delighted That You Have Come To Worship Him Today!

Welcome! Today you will experience the great love which Jesus Christ your Savior has for you through His Word and the sacrament of baptism. God tells us, *“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15* Because Jesus lives, God makes it possible for us to really be alive and experience the fullness of life—living in joy filled fellowship with God and with one another.

If you are a guest with us today we extend a special welcome to you. Our worship 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 have the privilege of hearing the promises that our Covenant God makes to us and to our children in the sacrament of baptism. Baptism will be administered to **Owen Robert Hasling**, the son of Brian & Allison (Larsen) Hasling.

The Baptism Parament: Scripture tells us that “though our sins be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.” The fabric of our baptism parament is wool. The seashell and the teardrops are traditional symbols used to remind us of Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River long ago. The droplets are blue, symbolizing water, and the washing away of our sins. Three droplets are used to symbolize our baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped make our annual 4th of July celebration a success! Thanks to the pie-makers, the canteen workers, those who donated goods or monies, and thanks to everyone who participated in the event. The Deacons of the PCRC

Your offerings for July 18 will be received for the Benevolent Fund and July 25 for the Building Fund.

Our Church Family

Congratulations to the following congregation members celebrating special days this week:

- **Matt & Joanne Ruis** ~ 62nd wedding anniversary, Thursday, July 15
- **Freda Pap** ~ 90th birthday, Saturday, July 17
- **Melvin & Betty Droogsma** ~ 57th wedding anniversary, Sat., July 17

Jim Kiel began another series of chemotherapy treatments on Monday.

We express our sympathy to **Maynard & Fannie Smith** in the death of their son, Stefan Smith, who passed away on Thursday, July 1, after a four year, struggle with colon cancer. There will be a memorial service in our church on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m.

We express our sympathy to the **family of Albert Johanson** who passed away Monday at the Princeton Hospital. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning.

“We would like to thank all of you, our amazing church family, for all of your prayers, calls, texts, cards, food, visits and most of all your loving support. It is so great to know that we have family like all of you. It was a long, hard week without Byron being here, but all of you made it go by smoothly. Isabel was blown away by all your love and prayers!! We can't thank you enough for all you do!!”
Byron, Jeannie, Isabel and Saige Byker

Mike & Joy Myren and sons and Carol Smith wish to thank each of you for your kindness, your concern, calls, visits, food and especially your prayers during Larry Myren's illness and home-going. Your willingness to provide transportation to treatments, visiting and calls meant so much to Larry and to the family. A special thank you to Pastor Dave and Marian for their prayers and frequent visits. Thank you to the team of women and men who provided wonderful meals after the family visiting time and after the service. Thank you to the soundboard team for ensuring the Sunday service was broadcast so Larry and Mike could enjoy listening to the service each Sunday all these months. We are so grateful for a caring, compassionate church family.

“We, the Serve Trip Youth, would like to thank our whole church family for your ongoing support and prayers, while we were traveling to our serve mission trip to, LaGrave, Michigan. We had such an amazing, unforgettable experience. We can't thank you enough for making this possible for all of us, we are so greatly appreciative.”
Your Church Youth!!

Have you provided for your young children should something happen to you? Barnabas Foundation has helped many young Christian families develop the best possible Estate Plan to meet family needs. And certainly where children are concerned, naming appropriate guardians and trustees is a priority. Don Long, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation will come alongside you to provide clear and easy-to-understand information and help you determine what is best in your situation. 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.

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.

Women of Faith at the Excel Center on October 22 & 23. A display is located in the foyer. 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	- 7:00 p.m. Building Team meeting
Tuesday	- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Team meets
Friday	- 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves church parking lot for the MN Twins game

Advanced Dates

Sunday, July 18, **Pastor Arlan Koppendrayer**, guest pastor
A Musical Evening with Ken Hinkle: 6:00 pm, Sunday, July 25.

From Back to God Ministries International: Pray for the Association of Christian Radio Ministry in Indonesia which, in collaboration with our Indonesian leadership staff, helps to facilitate Christian broadcasting in this country. With the predominantly Muslim environment, the association is facing regulation problems. Pray that nothing will hinder the good news from being proclaimed to the people of Indonesia.

Praying For Our Local Churches: This week we ask the Lord's blessing on the **Evangelical Free Church** and the ministry of **Pastors Dan Clausen, Mike Johnson & Tony Thompson.**

Ministry Opportunities

Organist Today: Barb Bekius

Praise Team Members: Shelly Ash, Jeff Hanenburg, Dylan Ash

Children's Message Next Sunday: Beth Vander Plaats

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

Ushers Next Week: Al Bekius, Pete De Boer, Rog & Glady Greene, Don & Carol Droogsma

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

Greeters Next Week: East: Chad & Amy Banks West: Mel & Betty Droogsma

Library Helper Today: Carol Van Someren **Next Week:** Jan Hanenburg

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

Little Footprints Nursery Next Week: Damian & Jody Patnode, Kenny Bekius, Christina Moorlag

Worship Center Leader: Michelle Schluender "Jesus & Jairus' Daughter" **Greeters:** Riley Sikkink, Katie Elton

Little Lambs Leader: Betty De Boer "Adam & Eve"

Greeters: Derek Droogsma, Kaylee Rothanburg

Video Library Today: Morgan Ege & Kayla Santema

Video Library Next Week: Vonda Terpstra & PeggyBaas

Sound Board Today: Bernie Boldt **Next Week:** Todd Ege

Media this week: Stacy Patten **Next week:** Anita Hubers

Praying for the International Church

Istanbul, Turkey—Nearly five months after releasing them from prison, an Iranian court has acquitted two women of all charges related to being Christians and engaging in Christian activities.

Iranians Maryam Rostampour and Marzieh Amirizadeh Esmaeilabad were arrested on March 5, 2009 and detained on charges of “acting against state security,” “taking part in illegal gatherings” and “apostasy” (leaving Islam) under Iran’s Revolutionary Court system.

After nearly eight months, on Nov. 18, 2009, authorities released them conditionally.

Although the court hearing their case originally set April 13 as their trial date, Compass was unable to confirm on what date the two women were acquitted, nor the conditions of their acquittal. Senior Iranian judges and officials repeatedly intimidated the two women and pressured them to recant their faith. “They were warned that any future Christian activity in Iran will be seriously dealt with,” according to the statement.

The two women had fled Iran on Saturday May 22 to an undisclosed location and were recovering. Iran’s government views all Christian activities as foreign intervention and thus a threat to national security. The two women thanked Christians who have been praying for them.



Have a great Summer

