

LIFE AT CENTRAL

October 30, 2011

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day Protestants commemorate Martin Luther nailing his Ninety-Five Theses, an indictment against the abuses and corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, on the door of the Chapel at Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. Though Reformed ideology may be traced to earlier theologians like Jan Hus and John Wycliffe, it was Luther who instigated a movement that split Christendom and gave birth to Protestantism. The liturgical color of the day is red, representing the movement of the Holy Spirit and the martyrs of the Christian Church. The Spirit of the Reformation moves us forward toward the Renewal and Reformation to which God calls us today and in the future.

WE WELCOME Dr. Stan Mast, Senior Pastor at LaGrave Christian Reformed Church to our pulpit. Dr. Lotz will be preaching at LaGrave in our customary pulpit exchange on Reformation Sunday.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Connie Gezon** had back surgery October 25 and is now recovering at Clark Rehabilitation, 1551 Franklin SE, GR MI 49506.
- **Anne De Boer** has returned home following her recuperation at Covenant Village.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to **George & Sibila Boerigter** in the death of their grandson, **Joshua Boerigter** on Monday, October 24. Cards may be sent to them at 1322 Bent Tree Dr. Hudsonville, MI 49426.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ryan & Lindsey Guikema** on the birth of a daughter, **Brycee Ilianna**, on Tuesday, October 25. Their address is 718 Hoyt St. SE, GR MI 49507. Congratulations also to grandparents, **Jim & Marjorie Brink**.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are provided by **Dick & Carol Kanode** in memory of their parents, Reuben & Hazel Kanode and Carl & Elizabeth Ohlmann.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

THEOLOGY MATTERS

Much advance publicity surrounded the publication of Rob Bell's book *Love Wins* earlier this year. Many of the book's loudest critics identify themselves as "New Calvinists." What are "Old Calvinists" supposed to make of all of this? This class, led by **Rev. Jeff Munroe**, meets **in the Chapel at 11:00 AM** and will inspect the New Calvinists, their critiques of *Love Wins* and review the development and implementation of the Reformed Doctrinal Statements and how they relate to the controversy surrounding this book. **Note: It is not necessary to have read *Love Wins* to participate in this class.**

FAMILY FEUD / FAMILY REUNION

Last June, delegates to both the RCA's and the CRC's General Synods held a joint business session and worshipped together. Those actions prompted questions about our two denominations merging. **Tim Elzinga** will lead a discussion **in the Parlor at 11:00 AM** covering some of our shared history and culture. Also considered will be Central's place in RCA / CRC history and some of the reasons the two groups have chosen separate paths in the past.

SALE OF COFFEE MUGS: Would you like a white 16 oz. coffee mugs imprinted with “Central Reformed Church” on one side and “Jesus Is Lord” on the other? Sample mugs are at the Visitor Kiosk and may be purchased today for \$5.00 each.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: We are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians, using a new study guide in the “For Everyone” series by N.T. Wright. We begin at 9:30 AM with time for conversation, coffee & treats and focus on our study from 10-11:00 AM. Childcare is provided. Class continues this Wednesday through November 16. Call Jodi MacLean at 204-3422 if you have any questions.

EUCHRE NIGHT: Join us this **Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Stan & Norma Sterk** (7890 Cottonwood, Jenison, 667-2250) for an evening of fun. Please bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided. (Food for Addie’s Pantry is encouraged as well). You don’t play euchre? Come for the fellowship instead. You may still sign up today during the coffee hour. Maps are available on request.

BACH CHORALE OF GRAND RAPIDS will present its Fall 2011 concert next Sunday, November 6th, at 7:30 PM in our sanctuary. Under the direction of Martin Werner and accompanied by trumpets and organ, the concert will include two motets by Morales, the *Sanctus* (from *Missa Alleluia*) by Mouton, Henry Purcell’s *Te Deum in D*, three anthems by Herbert Howells, and the *Stabat Mater* by Joseph Rheinberger. Tickets are \$15 for adults \$12 for students and seniors & can be purchased thru the Bach Chorale website (www.bachchoralegrandrapids.org), or at the door the evening of the performance.

ADDIE’S PANTRY: We continue to see about a 15% increase in pantry usage from last year. Your faithful giving is appreciated! For November we could use *peanut butter, laundry detergent, bar soap, toothpaste and plastic and/or brown bags*. You may place your items in the carts by the entrances.

INGATHERING SUNDAY is November 20. The congregation will be invited to come forward during the offering time to give gifts of food and/or personal care products in addition to their financial gifts. Members of the Christian Action team will pass out brown bags with a list of needs on November 6 and 13. Addie's Pantry needs our support more than ever during these hard economic times.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE: A portion of the purchase price goes back to those who grow and harvest the coffee. If you would like to be a sponsor sign up in the Atrium or with Coleen Hamman. This week’s coffee sponsors are again the **Stratford Travelers**.

THANK YOU: We thank our church family for the many months of prayers and expressions of love and support, from the time of our son-in-law, Gavin Hollemans, cancer diagnosis through the time of his death last month. We have been blessed by you in so many ways. Thank you.

Mark & Sally Bulthuis and Adrienne Hollemans

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

- * **Robert Pekich** to Hanover Presbyterian Church in Hanover, IN.
- * **Patricia Duthler** to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL

POINSETTIA SALE: November 6, 13, & 20. You will be able to purchase a poinsettia plant in honor of or in memory of someone. They will grace the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve service. The cost of the plant is \$8.00. The proceeds will go to the Decorations Fund.

KiDZ Central Schedule

TODAY:

9:45—10:45 AM—Worship Centers for 4-year-olds through 4th Grade.
10:45—Noon—Reformation Day (Halloween) Hoe-Down. Dress as a favorite Bible character. Enjoy pumpkin decorating, games, feast and a skit by **Theater KiDZ**.

Theater KiDZ: Wednesdays after school 4-6 PM at the stage. Pizza at 5:30 PM. All children welcome. This week we will begin work on our Christmas play “KiDZ Kringle”.

YOU-CAN-DO-IT: AFTERNOON ARTZ—Saturday, November 5, from 1-4:00 PM.

SPRING HILL RETREAT: November 11-13. 4th—6th Graders (and friends) reserve your spot at the KiDZ Welcome Center with a \$50 deposit. Two adult chaperones are needed (1 male, 1 female).

Drop & Shop: Saturday, November 19. Make a donation to our VBS fund for a day of childcare.

BABYSITTING BOOKLET: A church babysitting booklet for parents is being compiled with the names of potential teenage sitters. If you would like your name and credentials included in the booklet, please fill out a pink **CHILDCARE AFTER HOURS FORM** at the KiDZ Kiosk in the Atrium and return it to Mrs. Timmer or Todd.

Y^outh News

SH Breakfast Club is at Cracker Barrel this Wednesday at 6:30am.

Clubs will run on regular schedule tonight (JHC 4:30, dinner 5:30, SHC 6:00)

At SHC tonight, we’re NOT talking about money! Nope, Dan Erickson (Red Team leader from Chicago trip) is visiting! We’re gonna talk about what a “worldview” is, and introduce a series of totally epic debates that we’ll be having throughout this year...you won’t want to miss any of them, or miss your chance to decide what we’ll debate during them...so be there!

Next **youth Addie’s Diner** is **THIS Tuesday, November 1**. *Hadley V, Lauren H, Cassidy C, Ellie B, and Abby B* are scheduled to serve. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm. If you can’t make it, please find a sub!

Upcoming meal providers for Clubs: 10/30 – Troost, 11/6 – Brand, 11/13 – Smith (JH-ONLY MOVIE NIGHT)... Please check the [meal providers schedule](#) to confirm your availability for your assigned dates, and notify [Tara Clappison](#) if you need to swap dates with someone!

SH Fall Retreat (at Cran-Hill Ranch) is November 11-13...cost is \$80/person, and we still have a little space if you haven’t confirmed with todd yet! We’ll leave as soon as possible on Friday, and be back by noon on Sunday to go home with the fam after church. Come prepared to GET AWAY...and also to have fun, play, grow, and generally just BE ALIVE ☺

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$8,814
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$225,220	\$207,513

ACTIVITIES

Acolytes
Banner Bearer
Bible Bearer
Crucifer
Visitor Hosts
Ushers
Sound
Security
Infant Nursery
2s/3s Nursery

TODAY

Judith Ernst, Emma Gearhart
Onna Kyle
Lucas Snoeyer
Jordan Clappison
Roger & Mary Snider
Rick Davis, Jack Van Houten
Tom Smith
David Hooker
Bob & Nancy Post
Sarah Brandt, Chinyere Jigo

NOVEMBER 6

Judith Ernst, Emma Gearhart
Jimmy Timmer
Emma Andrew
Anne Elzinga
Sue Poll, Greg Young
Tim Hoezee, Greg Verseput
Steve Ozinga
Tom Smith
Kristen & Tori Aidif
Vicky Tabor, Callie MacLean

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 10/30	9:30 AM	Worship Service — Dr. Stan Mast
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor
TUESDAY 11/1	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	6:00 PM	Addie's Diner
WEDNESDAY 11/2	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Care Committee
	6:00 PM	Kindermusik
	6:30 PM	Celebration Ringers
	7:00 PM	Music Committee
THURSDAY 11/3	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
SATURDAY 11/5	1:00 PM	"You Can Do It"
	2:00 PM	Memorial Service for Connie Kool-Sneden
	6:30 PM	Euchre Night at Sterks
SUNDAY 11/6	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Blood Pressure Screening
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor

CARE CONCERNS: Please contact Rachel Haulenbeek at haulenbeek@supportdept.com after hours or on the weekend. Office hours are 9:00 AM—5:00 PM. Contact the office at 456-1773 or you may email mbeebe@crcgr.org on Tuesday & Wednesday, or krusso@crcgr.org on Thursday & Friday. The church office is closed on Monday.