

LIFE AT CENTRAL October 16, 2011

The quilt that hangs in the sanctuary is in honor of Central's 171st Anniversary. It was commissioned by the congregation and designed and made by the women of the church.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Arthur Verburg** suffered a stroke and is being treated at Butterworth Hospital.
- **Elise Tillema** will be having exploratory surgery on Tuesday, October 18.
- **Lee Sneden** continues to recover from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. The family discourages cards, calls, and visitors at this time.
- **Anne DeBoer** is receiving rehabilitation at Covenant Village following a fall in her home.
- **Ann Wolters** continues to receive treatment for cancer.

DR. LOTZ is on vacation this week and will be out of town for part of the week. Pastoral concerns can be brought to any member of the Board of Elders. Our preacher next Sunday will be **Dr. George Brown**, long-time member and professor on staff at Western Theological Seminary.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

History of Christianity

Video #3—Dr. Diarmaid MacCulloch.

Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire

This enlightening series reveals the true origins of Christianity and what it means to be a Christian. Intelligent and thought provoking it shows how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became the biggest religion in the world. This class meets in the **Fellowship Hall downstairs at 11:00.**

The Promise of Baptism—Dr. James Brownson

Dr. Brownson is the James & Jean Cook Professor of New Testament at Western Theological Seminary. Jim is highly respected as one of the RCA's foremost theologians and teachers. He is author of a recent book exploring the reformed understanding of baptism. Questions surrounding infant baptism and the faith development of children are a particular emphasis of his work. Parents of young children and those who desire a deeper understanding of the sacraments are especially encouraged to attend. This class meets in the **Dykstra Chapel at 11:00 AM.**

HOT DOG-MARSHMELLOW ROAST TODAY! *All adults are invited!* **Leslie and Frank VanderHoff** invite **all adults** to an old fashioned hot dog and marshmallow roast. If you would like to walk the colorful Paul Henry Trail; come at 5:00 PM; roasting hot dogs begins around 6:00 PM. The food will be provided by the Congregational Life Team, but please bring a lawn chair. Frank and Leslie live at **5955 Wing SE**; and their phone number is **698-7085** for questions. It will be a fun evening!

PAINTING DISPLAY: Again this week a painting based on the parable of the Prodigal Son is on display in the Atrium. The painting, titled *Rembrandt's Prodigal Son Revisited*, is the work of artist Jonathan Quist, who not only captures the father's forgiveness, but places himself in the painting as the elder brother. Thank you Dr. Larry & Mary Gerbens for sharing your artwork.



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CLOTHING DRIVE: Time to go through your fall/winter clothing and pitch anything you did not wear this past year. Our Clothing Drive continues through next Sunday. Your gently used clothing will be donated to **Second Chance**, a clothing store on Leonard St. Second Chance is a key resource for people who need decent used clothing at an affordable price. (Children's clothing is especially needed!). Accessories, jewelry, handbags, ties, etc. are welcome.

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.

A NOTE OF THANKS to everyone who came to support the **Barker Series 35th** season last Sunday and had the opportunity to hear John and Gwen Varineau in concert. Over 100 members in the audience were kept in awe by John's extraordinary musical talent on the clarinet, with his wife Gwen on the piano as his accompanist. A free-will offering of \$304 was donated to Addie's Pantry & their Thanksgiving baskets. We thank all those who contributed to this outreach ministry at Central, and look forward to seeing you at our New Year's Eve concert on Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 PM when *Hornpipes!* (trumpetist Pamela Smitter-Baker and organist Scott Montgomery) will welcome in the new year.

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 **Bill & Pat Mills**.

SECURITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: These are volunteer members who walk the grounds to ensure everything is at it should be. It isn't hard work and the training requirements are minimal. At this time, we are looking for a few additional volunteers to lighten the load for the entire team. Please contact Tom Smith with any questions or to join the security team.

BACH CHORALE OF GRAND RAPIDS will present its Fall 2011 concert on 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.

MEN'S GROUP: Prodigal Sons, Elder Brothers, Forgiving Fathers: Central's Men's Group meets at Kent Country Club on Thursday, October 27, from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Dr. Lou Lotz will lead the discussion on the men in Jesus' best-known parable, the Prodigal Son. Everyone has, knows, or is an elder brother, or a prodigal son, or a frustrated parent waiting for a child to come to his or her senses. Everyone has at least thought of running away to a "distant country." Everyone knows how infuriating it is when you do all the heavy lifting, and someone else gets the promotion, or the pay raise, or the fatted calf. The Men's Group is open to all. For more information, or if you plan on attending, contact Scott Webb at swebb051@gmail.com.

SALE OF COFFEE MUGS: The Hospitality Team will be making the coffee mugs that we give to visitors available for you to buy. They are white 16 oz. mugs imprinted with "Central Reformed Church" on one side and "Jesus Is Lord" on the other. They are \$5 each and may be purchased October 30 at the Visitor Kiosk. Sample mugs will be on display. Proceeds will go to purchasing additional mugs.



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KiDZ Central Schedule

TODAY: 9:45—10:45 AM—Worship Centers for 4-year-olds through 4th Grade.
 10:45—11:10 AM—Joyful Noise KiDZ Khorus Rehearsal.
 11:10—Noon—KiDZ Central Education.

Theater KiDZ: Wed, October 19, 4-6 PM at the stage. Pizza at 5:30 PM. All children welcome.

YOU-CAN-DO-IT: Saturday, October 22—Afternoon Artz 1-4:00 PM Sign up times available.

JOYFUL NOISE KiDZ Khorus will participate in worship NEXT Sunday, October 23 with Classical Harmonicist, Mike Dean. Robes for participants are currently being assigned. Call time is 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

HALLOWEEN HOE-DOWN: Sunday, October 30. Dress as your favorite Bible character. (for example: Samson the strong man or David the shepherd boy.) Pumpkin decorating.

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

Y^outh News

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

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

At SH Club tonight, we're continuing the Generation Change series. If you're serious about coming on the 2012 mission trip with us, you need to be serious about making it to Clubs for the next several weeks and working through GC with us. (and you get a pretty cool free T-shirt out of it...win!) Tonight there will be no video, and not much sitting...be there!

Upcoming meal providers for Clubs: 10/16 – Cornelius, 10/23 – Andrew 10/30 - Troost... 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!

Next youth Addie's Diner is **Tuesday, November 1**. *Ryan C, Hadley V, Lauren H, Cassidy C, Jordan C, 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!

SH Fall Retreat (at Cran-Hill Ranch) is November 11-13...cost is \$80/person, and is due at registration...and I need a yay or nay today on joining us! 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 J

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$17,925
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$198,750	\$185,211



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ACTIVITIES

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Ushers
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Infant Nursery
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TODAY

Michael Coke, Judith Ernst
David Lunderberg
Ryan Clappison
Ben Tillema
Bill & Pat Mills
Rick Davis, David Kok
Steve Ozinga
Chris Wassink
Callie MacLean
Tim & Heather Hoezee

OCTOBER 23

Michael Coke, Judith Ernst
Lauren Hooker
Jesse Ernst
Collin Troost
Mary Jean Lotz, Joan Neckers
Greg Verseput, Steve Ziel
Stu Stewart
Bryan Snoeyer
Jan Koopman, Brian Whalen
Emma Andrew, Connie Kooistra

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 10/16	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 5:00 PM	Worship Service — Dr. Louis Lotz Education Hour Hotdog Roast at Vander Hoff's
TUESDAY 10/18	12:00 N 2:30 PM 6:00 PM	Addie's Pantry Christian Action Team Addie's Diner
WEDNESDAY 10/19	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study Staff Meeting Kindermusik Adult Discipleship Team Celebration Ringers
THURSDAY 10/20	12:00 N 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Addie's Pantry Klokkenkoor Chancel Choir
SATURDAY 10/22	1:00 PM	"You Can Do It"
SUNDAY 10/23	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Worship Service—Dr. George Brown Education Hour

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.