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## LIFE AT CENTRAL November 13, 2011

**SPECIAL RECEPTION:** There will be extra-special refreshments served this morning during the Coffee Hour in celebration of paying off our entire building fund debt. The entire cost of our recent building project – the new Atrium, the renovation of Dykstra Chapel, the handicap-accessibility upgrades, Brander Library, the renovated restrooms, air-conditioning the sanctuary – was 2.1 million dollars. We were able to raise that entire amount in a little more than three years. Central Reformed Church is now completely debt free. Thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support. Thanks be to God!

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Ann Wolters** is in poor health. She has been placed in hospice care.
- **Lee Sneden** remains hospitalized at Spectrum Health/Kent Community and continues to undergo treatment for injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

**TIR PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Reserve your place at a **TIR-rific Table today**. Our annual fundraiser event is scheduled for **this Saturday, November 19**, starting at 5:30 PM. The Teacher-In-Residence planning committee and 8 surprise hosts invite you to enjoy a gourmet dinner and a whole evening of fun, all to support the TIR program at Central. See Jodi MacLean at Coffee Hour today for more information and to sign up.

**POINSETTIA SALE: Continues today!** You will be able to purchase a poinsettia plant in honor of or in memory of someone. They will grace our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. The cost of the plant is \$8.00. The proceeds will go to the Decorations Fund.

**INGATHERING SUNDAY is next Sunday, 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 again today. Addie's Pantry needs our support more than ever during these hard economic times.

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

We conclude the series today—*A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*, hosted by Diarmaid MacCulloch, with it's most controversial episode as Dr. MacCulloch, Professor of Church History and Fellow at St. Cross College, Oxford, questions whether Christianity will be able to adapt to changing views of gender and sexuality. Today's offering is titled, ***"God in the Dock."***

This enlightening series reveals the true origins of Christianity and delves into what it means to be a Christian. The series is produced by the BBC.

**This class begins promptly at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.**



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**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.

**PRAYER SHAWL STITCHERS:** We will be meeting this Wednesday, November 16 instead of the day before Thanksgiving. Please join us at 10:00 AM. Coffee & treats provided.

**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.

**SENIORS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our Annual Christmas Luncheon & Program will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:30 AM. We will begin with a program in the Chapel followed by a luncheon in the Parlor. More details to follow.

**ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL:** Saturday, December 3, from 11-2:00 PM. Music, storytelling, crafts, wooden shoe decorating, Theater KiDZ, skit, carriage rides and a special visit from St. Nick himself. Sign up at the KiDZ Welcome Center or call the church office. Lunch of traditional foods included. If you would like to volunteer call Melissa Ozinga at 534-1846.

**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**. (Last weeks sponsor was **Connie Gezon**)

**Dear Friends at Central Reformed Church,**

Thank you so very much for your loving support for us during this tragic loss of our grandson, Joshua. It was good for us to worship with you, to feel your embrace and know that we do not have to go through this grief by ourselves. Thank you for the prayer shawls and many cards and notes of comfort.

*Sibilla and George Boerigter*

**RCA Today:** Copies of the Fall issue of RCA Today, the official magazine of the Reformed Church in America, are available in the Atrium. You can subscribe online at [rcatoday@rca.org](mailto:rcatoday@rca.org), or call 616-698-7071. Dr. Lotz is a regular columnist for the magazine. His essays appear on the back page.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$21,280
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$253,606	\$241,754



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## KiDZ Central Schedule

### TODAY:

9:45—10:45 AM—Worship Centers for ≈ 4-year-olds through 4th Grade.  
10:45—11:15 AM—Joyful Noise KiDZ Kringle Rehearsal.  
11:15—Noon—KiDZ Central Centers.

**Theater KiDZ:** Wednesdays after school 4-6 PM at the stage. Pizza at 5:30 PM. All children Kindergarten and older welcome. We are working on our Christmas play “**KiDZ Kringle**” to be performed on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 AM on Fellowship Stage.

**YOU-CAN-DO-IT: SATURDAY 1-4 PM LESSON TIMES AVAILABLE.**

**SPRING HILL RETREAT: Participants return to church today. Pick up time is 3:30 PM.**

**Drop & Shop:** Saturday, November 19—Any parent may make a donation to our VBS fund for a day of child-care. Please pre-register your children.

**ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL:** Saturday, December 3, 11-2:00 PM. Reserve a spot today!

## Y<sup>o</sup>uth 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)

**JH-ONLY Movie Night TONIGHT** from 4:30-7:30...we'll watch a fairly new (and completely UN-cheesy) movie in the youth room, and then talk about some life lessons we found in it. Dinner and snacks will be provided, and this is a wonderful night to *bring a friend to church!* **NO SH CLUB tonight!**

**NO JH OR SH CLUBS next Sunday, November 20**

Students on the **SH Fall Retreat** at Cran-Hill Ranch will be back by noon today to go home from church with the fam. We'll call or text ahead if we're running late.

**Upcoming meal providers for Clubs:** 11/13 – Smith (JH-ONLY MOVIE NIGHT), 11/20 – NO CLUBS, 11/27 – Molenaar (SH-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!

Next **youth Addie's Diner** is **Tuesday, December 6.** *David J, Elise W, Ben T, David L, Collin T, Jeremiah E* are scheduled to serve. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:00pm. If you can't make it, please find a sub!

**ACTIVITIES**

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

**TODAY**

Judith Ernst, Emma Gearhart  
Kevin Cornelius  
Hadley Van Renterghem  
Sydney Troost  
Mary Jean Lotz, Greg Verseput  
Rick Davis, David Kok  
Stu Stewart  
Chris Wassink  
Sean & Jamie Mc Williams  
Jan Koopman, Brian Whalen

**NOVEMBER 20**

Daniel Jigo, Lucas Ohlmann  
Alex Wassink  
David Jigo  
Jeremy Ernst  
Bill & Pat Mills  
Greg Verseput, Steve Ziel  
Tom Smith  
Bryan Snoeyer  
Kim Graeff, Mary Jean Lotz  
Bob & Nancy Post

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY 11/13</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor
	12:30 PM	Deacons serve dinner at Heartside
<b>MONDAY 11/14</b>	7:00 PM	Children’s Ministry Team
<b>TUESDAY 11/15</b>	12:00 N	Addie’s Pantry
	2:30 PM	Christian Action Team
	6:00 PM	Addie’s Diner
	6:45 PM	Property Committee
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/16</b>	9:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Stitchers
	5:30 PM	Personnel Committee
	6:00 PM	Kindermusik
	6:30 PM	Adult Discipleship Team
	6:30 PM	Consistory Meeting
<b>THURSDAY 11/17</b>	6:30 PM	Celebration Ringers
	12:00 N	Addie’s Pantry
<b>SATURDAY 11/19</b>	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
	9 –3 PM	Drop the KiDZ & Shop
<b>SUNDAY 11/20</b>	5:30 PM	TIR Progressive Dinner
	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor

**CARE CONCERNS:** Please contact Rachel Haulenbeek at [haulenbeek@supportdept.com](mailto: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](mailto:mbeebe@crcgr.org) on Tuesday & Wednesday, or [krusso@crcgr.org](mailto:krusso@crcgr.org) on Thursday & Friday. The church office is closed on Monday.