

LIFE AT CENTRAL November 27, 2011

ADVENT WREATH: Advent is a season of penitence and preparation as we remember the Christ who came and will come again. Advent worship begins with lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath. As we light the candles each Sunday, and as the circle of light grows brighter, God grant that the *"light of the world"* (John 8:12) Jesus Christ our Lord, will shine ever brighter in our hearts and homes.

OUR LITURGIST is Rev. Neva Evenhouse. Neva is an ordained minister of the RCA now retired and a member of this church. She attended seminary later in life and had the privilege of serving two churches – Christ Memorial Church in Holland MI and the Community Church of Wurtsboro in Wurtsboro NY.

BAPTISM: Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is **Liam John Eckstein**, son of Todd & Joy Eckstein, and brother to Seth, Zoie, and Hope.

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.
- **Anne De Boer** is receiving rehabilitation at Porter Hills.
- **Colleen Van Dellen** has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will begin treatment.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: JUSTICE MEETS MEDIATION

Dykstra Chapel at 11:00 AM led by David La Grand

Restorative justice is a process helping crime victims and criminals come to terms, while spending less time and money in the court system. It seeks to build partnerships to re-establish mutual responsibility for constructive responses to wrongdoing within our communities. Restorative justice seeks a balanced approach to the needs of the victim, wrongdoer and community through processes that preserve the safety and dignity of all. The program may also keep offenders out of jail if they are willing to take responsibility for their crimes and make amends with their victims.

SPIRITUAL JOURNALING: WRITING YOUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS

Church Parlor at 11:00 AM led by Lou & Mary Jean Lotz

A three-week seminar for people who enjoy writing, and who want to delve more deeply into the Scriptures and reflect on how the biblical stories of Christmas intersect their own personal stories. Participants will keep a written Spiritual Journal throughout the season of Advent. Whether you have a lot of experience as a writer, or none at all, this class will help you cultivate the practice of keeping a journal, and enhance your experience of Christmas. Lou is our Pastoral Leader and Mary Jean taught creative writing and composition at the University of South Dakota, and for the past 10 years has taught writing at Grand Valley State University.



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INGATHERING OFFERING: Thank you so much to the wonderful response to our Ingathering Offering for our Addie’s Pantry clients. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ADDIE’S PANTRY EXPANDS: Our church pantry will be providing food and personal care products to victims of domestic assault. The **Domestic Assault Response Team** (DART) of the 61st District Court will work with our food pantry director, Deb Byl, and church volunteers to direct resources from our pantry to this cause.

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

ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS: It is that time of year again when we can help 4 families in our community have a brighter holiday. Just take a handmade decoration from the tree which will have wish information on the back. Please return your wrapped gift, attach the ornament and place under the tree by **Sunday, December 11.**

SENIORS PROGRAM & LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 13, promises to be a special day for the seniors of Central. We will hear a select string quartet from East Grand Rapids High School led by Mary Hillyard. Our program will begin at 11:30 AM in the chapel followed by a luncheon in the parlor. There will be a sign up sheet in the Atrium or you may call Donna Bogert at 784-2080 with your reservation.

WHAT IS CENTRAL: The deadline for the January—May issue of *What Is Central* is due next week. If you or your committee has anything you want to publish or highlight, please get the information to Dan Erickson by next week. You may email him at derickson@centralreformedchurch.org.

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 **Larry & Mary Gerbens.**

THANK YOU NOTE: We would like to thank the congregation for all the cards & prayers on behalf of Elise during her recent surgery & recovery. We appreciate it! - *Tillema family*

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$9,881
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$280,301	\$261,443



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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.
11:00—Noon—4/5/6er's Parent Meeting Classroom #5 downstairs.
11:15—Noon—KiDZ Central Centers.

Theater KiDZ: Wednesdays after school 4-6 PM at the stage. Pizza at 5:30 PM. We continue choreography work with Mrs. Pratt for the Christmas play **"KiDZ Kringle"**. The performance is on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 AM on Fellowship Stage.

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

Y^outh News

NO JH CLUB TONIGHT!!!

SH-ONLY Movie Night is TONIGHT, from 4:30 till around 7:30. Dinner and snacks will be provided, and 15 minutes of post-viewing discussion should be expected. Be there!

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

Upcoming meal providers for Clubs: 11/27 – Molenaar (SH-ONLY MOVIE NIGHT), 12/4 – Anne Hooker, 12/11 – Elzinga... 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!

FYI: SH will be visiting Hope Network's Lawndale Home again this Christmas, on Sunday, December 18. We will need some drivers, and may run a little late that evening!

SH students... **It's time to register for Genesis 2012!** This is a really awesome weekend (March 9-11) at Grand Traverse Resort, full of bands, speakers, and lots of goofing around and quality time together! To register, click or go to <http://www.genesis2012.org/register.html>, and select "Central Reformed Church" from the dropdown box at the top of the form. Registration deadline is November 30, so get on this quickly! Payments are due to me by January 8. I hope y'all can make it!!!

ACTIVITIES

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

TODAY

Daniel Jigo, Lucas Ohlmann
Elise Tillema
Jacob Ohlmann
Charlotte Hooker
Mark & Sally Bulthuis
Tim Hoezee, Jack Van Houten
Steve Ozinga
Tom Smith
Jill Gearhart, Anne Hooker
Lily Thompson

DECEMBER 4

Daniel Jigo, Lucas Ohlmann
Kassidy Clark
Tori Aidif
Erik Molenaar
Rick Davis, Greg Verseput
Stu Stewart
David Hooker
Becky De Vries, Melissa Ozinga
Heidi Bailey, Mary Jean Lotz

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 11/27	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz <i>-Baptism—Liam Eckstein</i>
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:15 AM	4/5/6ers Parent Meeting (Classroom #5)
TUESDAY 11/29	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
WEDNESDAY 11/30	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	4-6 PM	Theater KiDZ
	6:00 PM	Kindermusik
THURSDAY 12/1	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
SATURDAY 12/3	11-2 PM	St. Nicholas Festival
SUNDAY 12/4	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz <i>- Communion</i>
	10:45 AM	Blood Pressure Screening
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor

CARE CONCERNS: Please contact Carol Bergman at clstaff@iserv.net 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.