

LIFE AT CENTRAL

November 6, 2011

Today is All Saints Sunday. This is customarily observed on the first Sunday of November. Originally set aside as a day to remember Christian martyrs, All Saints Sunday is now an occasion to remember all the saints who have left this life, especially in the year gone by, and part of the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) gathered around the throne of God. The names of Central members who have died in the past year are printed in this morning’s bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Connie Gezon** is now recovering at Clark Rehabilitation.
- **Anne De Boer** has returned home following her recuperation at Covenant Village.
- **Ann Wolters** continues to receive treatment for cancer. She is in poor health.
- **Lee Sneden** remains hospitalized and continues to undergo treatment for injuries sustained in an automobile accident on September 6.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Connie Kool-Sneden** (wife of Lee) who died on September 23. A Memorial Service was held yesterday at Central.

BUILDING DEBT ELIMINATED: Check your mailbox for an update on the status of the *Our Time, Our Turn* building-fund campaign. 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 are happy to announce that the entire amount has now been raised, and the debt has been eliminated. **A special reception will be held after worship next Sunday, November 13, to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment.** Thank you for your faithful financial support!

TIR PROGRESSIVE DINNER: Reserve your place at a **TIR-rific Table**. Our annual fundraiser event is scheduled for **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.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

THEOLOGY MATTERS

Much advance publicity surrounded the publication of Rob Bell’s book *Love Wins*. 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 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. **It is not necessary to have read *Love Wins* to participate in this class.**

HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

This class, meeting at **11 AM** in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs), will be the 4th in the six-part series, *A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*, hosted by **Diarmaid MacCulloch**, Professor of History of the Church and Fellow at St. Cross College, Oxford. Today’s offering is titled, *“Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion.”* 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.



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POINSETTIA SALE: Starts today! 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.

BACH CHORALE OF GRAND RAPIDS will present its Fall 2011 concert **TONIGHT** 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 may be purchased at the door.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL STITCHERS: We will be meeting on 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.

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 today & next Sunday. Addie's Pantry needs our support more than ever during these hard economic times.

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.

THANK YOU: Words cannot express the sadness I have felt at the loss of my mother. Your kind words, gestures, and prayers have surrounded me with comfort and love. Thank you for all your cards, calls and flowers. ***Coleen Hamman***

PROPERTY UPDATE:

- ▶ Repair of the leaking bell tower. (This is in the final weeks of completion.)
- ▶ Heat tape has been installed around the roof line of the Atrium to prevent ice buildup.
- ▶ Repair of safety railing by the steps on the Fulton side of church.
- ▶ Repair and maintenance of the boiler.
- ▶ Future installation of exterior locks.

A facility the size and complexity of our church needs constant upkeep and repair, and we are grateful to our staff and Property Committee for their hard work. All the updates and repairs are made possible through your generous financial support. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact Paul at pbukaweski@comcast.net.



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KiDZ Central Schedule

TODAY:

9:45—10:45 AM—Worship Centers for 4-year-olds through 4th Grade.
10:45—Noon—KiDZ Central All Saint's Day 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: NO MEETING THIS WEEK DUE TO 5/6ERS RETREAT.

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.

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YoUth News

SH Breakfast Club is at Wolfgang's this Wednesday at 6:30am.

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

At Clubs tonight, we're going to talk about two guys named Ben and Arthur, who have different attitudes about money, and live very different lives as a result! (Which one will YOU be???) Bring back your GC workbooks/written budgets (and if you haven't created one yet, it'll take you ten minutes, and I promise you you'll never regret it, and it could change your life dramatically!)

SH Fall Retreat (at Cran-Hill Ranch) is NEXT WEEKEND, November 11-13...cost is \$80/person, and there's still some space! We will have pizza at church (see email for time!) and then carpool to Big Rapids together on Friday night. And we will 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

JH-ONLY Movie Night next Sunday, November 13 from 4:30-7:30...we'll watch a fairly newly released 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 November 13! And FYI...No JH OR SH Clubs on November 20!

Upcoming meal providers for Clubs: 11/6 – Brand, 11/13 – Smith (JH-ONLY MOVIE NIGHT), 11/20 – NO CLUBS... 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, Jeremia E* are scheduled to serve. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:00pm. If you can't make it, please find a sub!

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 mbecbe@crcgr.org on Tuesday & Wednesday, or krusso@crcgr.org on Thursday & Friday. The church office is closed on Monday.



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ACTIVITIES

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

TODAY

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

NOVEMBER 13

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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
	7:30 PM	Bach Chorale Concert
TUESDAY 11/8	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	5:30 PM	Growing Central Committee
	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
WEDNESDAY 11/9	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	6:00 PM	Kindermusik
	6:30 PM	Celebration Ringers
THURSDAY 11/10	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	4:00 PM	Executive Committee
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
SUNDAY 11/13	8:00 AM	Youth Committee
	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

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$12,961
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$238,455	\$220,474

The participants at the **Room For All Conference** last week took a special offering for Addie's Pantry. **The offering yielded more than \$800.** We are happy that RFA was willing to rent our facility for their annual conference, and we appreciate their gift to our pantry. (Our facility is available to rent for groups/organizations. Call the office for more details.)