

## LIFE AT CENTRAL

May 16, 2010

**TODAY** is the last Sunday that the **Klokkenkoor Handbell Choir** will participate in our worship service until the fall season. We have appreciated all of their hard work this past year, for their dedication to the choir, for sharing their talents with our church family, and for meeting the many musical challenges that have been given to them. Thank You!

### The members of the Klokkenkoor Handbell Choir for 2009 – 2010 are:

<b>Linda Ballast</b>	<b>Carey Krause</b>
<b>Andrea Byl</b> (substitute)	<b>Jodi MacLean</b>
<b>Deb Byl</b>	<b>Bea Nagel</b>
<b>Nicole Byl</b> (substitute)	<b>Lori Overbeek</b>
<b>Joy Eckstein</b>	<b>Sue Poll</b>
<b>Barbara Hendricks</b>	<b>Jan Postma</b>
<b>Aaron Krause</b> (substitute)	<b>Patsy Troost</b>
<b>Brenda Krause</b>	<b>Bill Vander Ploeg</b> (substitute)

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- **Andrew Lotz** continues chemotherapy treatments for cutaneous t-cell lymphoma.
- **Ernest Tonsmeire** remains at Butterworth Hospital where he is dealing with complications from congestive heart failure.
- **Jo Ann Belter** began another round of chemotherapy treatments this past week.

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- **Ron & Kristen Aidif**, in the death of Ron's father, Joseph Aidif. His funeral was held on May 11 in Fenton, MI. Their address is: 5468 Sand Dune Ct. Grandville, MI 49418. Ron and Kristen are frequent visitors at Central.
- **Jim & Helena Riekse**, in the death of Helena's brother, James Braendle. His funeral was held on May 10 in Cambridge, IL Their address is: 2311 Burning Tree SE, GR MI 49546.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** **Nancy Claus** graduated last week from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. Her final classis examinations will take place this coming Tuesday. Please keep Nancy in your prayers, as she prepares for her examinations and seeks to discern God's leading in her life.

**BALLOON SUNDAY TODAY:** The Children of Central need YOU! Please visit the Children's Ministry Team in the Atrium after the worship service and learn how you can help to serve Central's youngest members. There are rewarding experiences to be had in the nurseries, worship centers, and during education hour. We would greatly appreciate your help in ministering to our children. Sign up and receive a free balloon!

**BAPTISM NEXT SUNDAY:** We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism on May 23. **Shelby Lynn Marie Campbell**, daughter of Lisa and Brian, and **Hope Elizabeth Eckstein**, daughter of Todd and Joy, will receive the sacrament.

**SENIOR MINISTRY:** Please pray for our seniors, send them a card, or give them a call to let them know you are thinking of them. Each week we will designate someone to be our *senior member of the week*. This week it is **Abe & Elin Moerland**. Their address is Warm Friend, 5 East 8th Ave. #528, Holland, MI 49423.

**SPRING PLAY:** Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, will be presented on next Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our Junior High girls (13 of them) will be performing. This play can be enjoyed by all ages, so please join us.

***PHOTO SHOOT***

***Parents: Please keep your children in the sanctuary immediately following the service this morning. Seth Thompson will be photographing the children for the Little Women CD cover and for other advertising. The time is from 10:45—11:10 AM. Thank you for your help!***

**SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED:** A Director of Children's Ministries (DCM) Search Committee has been formed. The committee will be chaired by **Brian Andrew**. The DCM is a part-time position. We are looking for a motivated, passionate, Christ-centered person to initiate and oversee the church's ministries to young people from birth to Grade 6. A Job Description is available from the church office.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM PRESENTS:**

~ **Chihuly Exhibit at Meijer Gardens, Sunday, June 13 at noon.** You are invited for lunch at the Meijer Garden Café followed by a walking tour or tram ride to see the Chihuly exhibit. The cost: Lunch, Entry Fee, and Tram. Sign-ups begin today in the Atrium.

~ **A Whitecaps Game, hosted by Steve and Melissa Ozinga, Friday, June 25** for a 7:00 PM Family Friendly Whitecaps Game! Group discounts begin with 20 people attending, so sign up in the Atrium today. Space is NOT limited. Please contact Steve or Melissa Ozinga at [theozingas@yahoo.com](mailto:theozingas@yahoo.com) or 616-534-1846 if you have any questions.

**NOTE FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE:** At a recent meeting, Music Committee voted to spend \$5,000 of its remaining 2009-2010 budgeted funds to begin restoration of the Choir wind chest portion of our beautiful organ, which was part of the original Schantz installation done in 1957. The project will begin this month. This begins a critical, multiphase organ restoration which will include the re-leathering of the Choir wind chest. Additional phases will be completed as funds become available.

**INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?** Persons interested in becoming a member of Central Reformed Church are invited to meet with the Board of Elders. The Elders meet at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact any member of the Board of Elders, or Dr. Louis Lotz, for further details.

**E-MAIL PROBLEMS:** As you may be aware, e-mails from the church to people served by Comcast are not getting through. The problem has been ongoing for several weeks, and we are working as fast as we can to correct it. Thank you for your patience.

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS:**The 2010 Lenten Offering yielded \$4,100 for Catherine's Health Center, an agency in Grand Rapids that serves people with no medical insurance. Also, memorial gifts given in honor of the late Esther Wisse totaled \$1,175. The money was donated to our church food pantry, Addie's Pantry. Thank you for your generous giving.

**THANK YOU** for all the generous contributions to Compassion International's Bite Back Campaign. **Our Christian Action Team raised \$1,130.** This money will provide education on malaria prevention, medicine to treat the people who have malaria, and 113 mosquito nets for families in Africa who are at serious risk of being infected with malaria. *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matthew 25: 40. Thank you Central!

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in supporting **UNDIE SUNDAY**. Three laundry baskets were filled to overflowing with donations of undergarments, which were delivered to ***In The Image***. Thank you for helping. Thank you for caring.

**THE DINING OUT GROUP** invites you to join them for dinner at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18, at Carrabba's Restaurant at 4067 28th St. SE in Kentwood. Please call Karen Cornelius at 452-5229 if you are interested.

**HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & POST COLLEGE GRADUATES:** Please call the church office with your school name and your degree. We need this information for ***Graduate Recognition Sunday***. If you call after 5:00 PM the information can be left on the answering machine.

**ATTENTION 2010 GRADUATES:** Members of Central may be eligible for financial assistance with their student loans. If you attained an undergraduate or graduate degree after June 2009, please send your student loan information and school transcripts to: **Central Reformed Church, Attention: Endowments, 10 College Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**. All applicants' eligibility will be determined and finalized in September 2010.

**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, please sign up in the Atrium or with Coleen Hamman. This morning's coffee sponsors are Murl & Donna Bogert.

<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,194	\$11,149
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$593,737 (17,638)	\$576,099

## Y<sup>o</sup>th News

- Breakfast Club is at **Cracker Barrel** this Wednesday at 6:30am.
- Clubs are done for this year!!!
- Next [youth Addie's Diner](#) is **Tuesday, June 1**. The team for the night is: *Kelley W, Nicki B, Ben T, David L and Collin T*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.
- **Senior High picnic** is at Lou and Mary Jean Lotz's from 5:00-9:00pm on *NEXT Sunday, May 23*. Plan to bring warm clothes so we can be outside...and please try to make it, cuz it will be fun!

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 5/16</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service - Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
	11:00 AM	Liturgical Decorations Committee—Parlor
	11:00 AM	Sub-Committee Meeting—Conference Room
<b>TUESDAY 5/18</b>	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	2:30 PM	Christian Action Team
	6:00 PM	Addie's Diner
	6:30 PM	Adult Discipleship Team
<b>WEDNESDAY 5/19</b>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Barker Committee Meeting
<b>THURSDAY 5/20</b>	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir
<b>SUNDAY 5/23</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service – Dr. Louis Lotz
	11:00 AM	Kids Spring Program— <i>Little Women</i>
	5:00 PM	Senior High Picnic—Lotz home

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS**  
 Beginning tomorrow the Church Office will be closed on Mondays.  
 (Program and custodial staff will maintain their current hours).  
 If you have a pastoral emergency on a Monday, please contact  
 Dr. Louis Lotz at 895-4741. Telephone messages left  
 on the church office voicemail will be checked twice on Mondays,  
 and urgent issues will be responded to that day.