

LIFE AT CENTRAL

January 9, 2011

OUR PRAYERS:

- **Sue Van Ess** remains hospitalized at Butterworth Hospital.
- **Gavin Holleman**, son-in-law of Mark and Sally Bulthuis is at Butterworth Hospital undergoing treatment for Leukemia.
- **Andrew Lotz** continues to undergo treatment for Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie and Sean McWilliams, and son Malachi, in the birth of their daughter, Merrin Anabell, born on Tuesday, December 21. Their address is 3414 Monterey Hills Drive NE; Grand Rapids MI 49525.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gail and Tom VandeBunte in memory of Tom's sister, Connie VanEerden, Gail's parents Don & Elsa Huhta and their son Erik Thomas VandeBunte.

EPIPHANY GIFTS: Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "to show forth, to manifest." In Christian churches, Epiphany celebrates the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi. As the Magi brought gifts for the Christ child, so we give gifts to those who do Christ's work in the world. This year our Epiphany offering will again be blankets and the recipient will be ***In The Image***. These gifts will be collected by the children during the Children's Moment. *Thank you for your generosity in bringing your gifts!*

ADULT EDUCATION: Jeff Munroe will be teaching a four-week class during the Education Hour starting **TODAY** in the Chapel. We will be looking at the autobiographies for four well-known writers, discussing their books from a spiritual perspective. While it is not necessary to have read these books prior to the class—we are listing them here for you in case you would like to read them. The books are available in paperback format and will be fascinating reading. The books (not necessarily in order of discussion) are:

- 1) *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress*, by Rhoda Janzen
- 2) *Leaving Church*, by Barbara Brown Taylor
- 3) *Eat, Pray, Love*, by Elizabeth Gilbert
- 4) *Telling Secrets*, by Frederick Buechner

Please join us for this interesting and interactive series of classes during Education hour.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING: You will have an opportunity to recycle your old phone books into insulation for *Habitat for Humanity*. Look for collection boxes at the north and east doors of the church. Keep those phone books out of the waste stream and put them to good use. If you have questions, call Tom Vande Bunte at 997-5048 or ask anyone on the Christian Action Team.

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 coffee sponsors are **Mary & Ken Bauman**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Are you interested in volunteering at Addie’s Diner? Here are a couple areas that you might be able to help with:

1. Can you play the piano? If so, we are looking for people who might like to play for the Diner from about 5:30 – 6:30 PM. The diner is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You can pick what works best for you.
2. We need another person to help serve the third Tuesday of each month.

If you feel led to help in either of these ways, **contact Faye Myers at 361-0317**

WINTER/SPRING SIP AND NIBBLE GROUPS FORMING: Sip and Nibble Groups are groups of 16-20 people who meet in member homes solely for the joy of fellowship. You bring an appetizer; the host home provides the beverages. Sip and Nibbles meet 2-3 times during a period of 3 months. The Winter/Spring groups will be formed in early February, and will meet February through April. It is a wonderful way to greet old friends and meet new ones. Sign up sheets start this morning in the Atrium.

LADIES DAY OUT: The Congregational Life Team invites you to be a part of a group of 15-20 women to eat a simple Sunday lunch and then tour the Diana Exhibit together (on a **Sunday**) at the GR Art Museum. We will know the information, date, and the cost of the entrance ticket and lunch at church, by today. Please contact Joan Neckers, Norma Sterk, or Linda Ballast for more information if you are interested.

VISITOR INFORMATION BRUNCH: Do you have some questions about Central: beliefs, programs, people, etc.? Representatives from the Hospitality Team and Consistory invite you to join them for brunch at noon on Sunday, January 23. We welcome all singles, couples, and families. Please contact the church office at 456-1773 to reserve a seat for you.

PRAYER SHAWL STITCHERS: We have no more prayer shawls in the office. If anyone has any finished ones please bring them to the church as soon as possible! If you need yarn to make more prayer shawls please contact Norma De Boer.

SENIORS! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 8 for a Hawaiian get-together. More details to follow.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$12,847
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$357,345	\$353,653

CARE CONCERNS: Please contact Carol Bergman at clstaff@iserv.net or 975-5741 after hours or on the weekend. During regular office hours, contact the office at 456-1773 or you may email mbeebe@crcgr.org (Tuesday & Wednesday) or cschaafsma@crcgr.org (Thursday & Friday).

KidZ Central Schedule
(Nursery age—6th Grade)

- **Worship Centers and KidZ Central** schedules resume their normal times.
- Saturdays in January: **“You Can Do It”** Creative Arts lessons in the parlor and at the stage between 12 and 4 pm.
- Sunday, January 30, 2011: **Joyful Noise Children’s Choir** will sing during the worship service. We will wear robes. Be at church by 9 am to warm up.
- Sunday, February 6, 4-6pm: **Swimming/Bobbing at Wealthy School Pool** on Lake Drive . Pizza supper provided in the activities room.
- Sunday, February 20: **KidZ Worship Gala at 3pm.** Location TBA.

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- **SENIOR HIGH student; who wish to sing with the YOUTH CHOIR** again this winter (for Youth Sunday!), please meet Mr Bartusch in the choir room at 5:00 this evening for your first rehearsal. Further explanation will follow, but if you’re in SH and wanna sing, be here at 4pm!
- Our **winter parents’ meeting will happen TONIGHT.** If possible please plan to be there to learn about the 2011 mission trip, to review the winter/spring schedule and to ask questions and provide feedback about our youth ministry! Meeting starts at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall, and will run until 6:30.
- SH Breakfast Club is at **Wolfgang; thi; Wednesday** from 6:30 till school.
- Next [youth Addie’s Diner](#) is **Tuesday, February 1.** The team for the night is: *Jane, Ellie, Jimmy, Erik, Josh, Tori and Hadley.* Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.
- Next **JH Breakfast Club** is Friday, *February 4* at Wolfgangs.
- [Upcoming meal/providers:](#) **1/9 – Tillema**, 1/16 – MacLean, 1/23 – Van Renterghem, 1/30 – help!!!
- SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT DATES & LOCATION HAVE CHANGED to **February 4-6 at Spring Hill.** Cost is \$130, which is due to todd by January 23. Hope you can join us!!!
- Don’t forget that **YOUTH SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 27TH!!!** We’ll start planning TONIGHT.

ACTIVITIES

Acolytes
 Banner Bearer
 Bible Bearer
 Crucifer
 Visitor Hosts
 KidZ Welcome Center
 Sound
 Security
 Infant Nursery
 2s/3s Nursery

TODAY

Lance Aidif, Lily Thompson
 Bethany Tillema
 Grace VanRenterghem
 Anne Elzinga
 Mark & Sally Bulthuis
 Campbell family
 Stu Stewart
 Tom Smith
 Vicky Tabor
 Becky & Mark DeVries

JANUARY 16

Lance Aidif, Lily Thompson
 Kassidy Clark
 Ryan Clappison
 Elsie Tillema
 Ken & Mary Bauman
 Brand family
 Steve Ozinga
 Brian Snoeyer
 Kristen & Tori Aidif
 Tom Smith

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/9	9:30 AM Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Joyful Noise/KidZ Central/ <i>Boy Jesus in the Temple</i> 11:00 AM Education Hour 11:00 AM Klokkenkoor 12:30 PM Klokkenkoor at Heartside
MONDAY 1/10	6:30 PM Property Committee 6:45 PM CMT
TUESDAY 1/11	12:00 PM Addie's Pantry 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Barker Committee
WEDNESDAY 1/12	9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
THURSDAY 1/13	12:00 PM Addie's Pantry 4:00 PM Executive Meeting 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SATURDAY 1/15	12:00 PM KidZ <i>You Can Do It</i>
SUNDAY 1/16	9:30 AM Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 10:50 AM Joyful Noise/KidZ Central/ <i>Life of Jesus</i> series 11:00 AM Education Hour 11:00 AM Klokkenkoor