

LIFE AT CENTRAL

January 2, 2011

WE WELCOME you to worship today. Dr. Laura Smit, Professor of Theology at Calvin College and our 2009 Teacher In Residence, is our guest preacher.

OUR PRAYERS:

- **Sue Van Ess** remains hospitalized at Butterworth Hospital.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to **Esther & Mark VanAllsburg** in the death of Esther's mother, Ethel Tanis. Her funeral was held on December 28.

EPIPHANY GIFTS: Epiphany Sunday is Sunday, January 9, 2011. This year the Christian Action Team is again asking for new blankets, which will be given to and distributed by *In The Image*. Blankets are needed for the poor and homeless in our community. Please bring your blankets with you to church on January 9. Thank you!

ADULT EDUCATION: There is a solution for the "after holiday hum-drum" right here at Central. **Jeff Munroe** will be teaching a four week class during Education Hour starting on January 9, 2011. 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

We look forward to seeing you for this interesting and interactive series of classes in January 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.

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 361-0317**

INVITATION: Ms. Robyn Saylor, daughter not only of Bob and Mary Ann Saylor, but also a daughter of Central, will be ordained as as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, January 9 at 4pm at Trinity Reformed Church, 1224 Davis NW. All Central members and friends are invited to attend in honor and recognition of Robyn's call to serve the church in ministry.

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 **Larry & Mary Gerbens.**

PRAYER SHAWL STITCHERS: We are running low on prayer shawls since we distributed 20 of them in the Thanksgiving baskets. If you have any prayer shawls at home, please bring them to church or give them to Mary Bos or Norma De Boer.

2011 GEORGE & ELIZA YOUNG SOCIETY DINNER is scheduled for **Friday, May 20, 2011** at Cascade Hills Country Club. Broadway themed entertainment provided by coloratura soprano Diane Penning and baritone Jeff Peerbolt. The George and Eliza Young Society recognizes those (members and supporters) who remember Central in their planned giving. There are currently 80 members. Membership in the Young Society is simple: all you have to do is remember Central in your estate plan - such as naming Central as a beneficiary in a will/trust (percentage of estate, appreciated marketable securities, real estate, *etc.*), life insurance, charitable gift annuity, 401k, *etc.* and notify us of your planned gift. For more information, please contact Steve Ozinga - Planned Giving Committee (616-534-1846).

STRATFORD 2011: Mark your calendars for *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, September 30 and *Camelot*, October 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$16,074
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$344,110	\$334,231

KidZ Central Schedule
(Nursery age—6th Grade)

Today—Worship Centers I & II meet in the Fireside Room. We will dismiss at 10:45 AM.

- **Saturdays in January** “*You Can Do It*” - 4 free 1/2 hour lessons in Creative Arts; piano, guitar, dance, singing, or play writing. Sign up with Mrs. Timmer.
- **Sunday, January 30, 2011: Joyful Noise Children’s Choir** will sing during the worship service. We will wear robes.

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- NO Clubs tonight (1/2)!
- Next [youth Addie’s Diner](#) is **Tuesday, January 4**. The team for the night is: *Jesse E, Alek, Sam, Jack, Dakota, Grace and Katie VM*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.
- Next **JH Breakfast Club** is Friday, *January 7* at Wolfgangs.
- [Upcoming meal providers](#): 1/9 – Tillema...
- Our *winter parents’ meeting* will happen on the evening of *January 9*. 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!
- 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!!!

ACTIVITIES

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

TODAY

Lance Aidif, Lily Thompson
Molly Taylor
David Timmer
Jane Elzinga
Bill & Pat Mills
Borgman family
Tom Smith
Bryan Snoeyer
Mike & Laurie Edington
Ellen Bylsma, Anna W.

JANUARY 9

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1/2	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Laura Smit <i>Communion</i>
	10:45 AM	Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Blood Pressure Screening
TUESDAY 1/4	12:00 PM	Addie's Pantry
	6:00 PM	Addie's Diner
THURSDAY 1/6	12:00 PM	Addie's Pantry
SUNDAY 1/9	9:30 AM	Worship Service—Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Coffee Hour

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).