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## LIFE AT CENTRAL

March 6, 2011

**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY.** Dr. Lotz will be preaching on Prayer and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Next Sunday, our Teacher-In-Residence, Rev. Scott Hoezee will be preaching and our Journey Class will be making public Profession of Faith.

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Ellie Roets** continues her rehabilitation at Porter Hills.
- **Gavin Hollemans**, son-in-law of **Mark & Sally Bulhuis**, remains in ICU at Butterworth.
- **Bob Evenhouse** was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of **Ethel De Boer**. A long-time member of Central, Ethel died on Monday, February 28, at the age of 92. A Memorial Service was held last Friday at Porter Hills Chapel with Dr. Lotz officiating. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to her son, Bill (and Peggy) De Boer at Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church, Box 166, Dulce NM 87528.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** will be available immediately after the service in the lower level of the Atrium.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** Our annual **Ash Wednesday Service will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 PM.** The Lord's Supper will be served and the traditional practice of marking the forehead with ashes will be observed. Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, the 40th weekday before Easter, and concludes at noon on the Saturday of Holy Week.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for all the prayers and cards we received after my father's passing. Your outpouring of sympathy was welcome, and your kindness was humbling. ***The Krause Family***

**CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS:** Letters and ballots were placed in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider your nominations and place your ballot in the ballot box in the Atrium or send them to the church office. We will be collecting nominations **until March 20.**

**ADULT EDUCATION:** In our continuing exploration of the Constellation of Stars we are looking at what Central does in outreach. We will have a panel of members focusing on Addie's Pantry, Addie's Diner and what is on the horizon from the Christian Action Team. Join us in the Parlor at 11:00 AM for a chance to learn more about the ministries of Central.

**YOU HAVE MAIL:** Check your mailbox this morning for the Lent Edition of Central Life and the Lenten Calendar for Addie's Pantry.

**ADDIE'S PANTRY** is in need of cereal, deodorant, feminine care products, shampoo and bags of fresh oranges/grapefruits. Your contributions may be left in the shopping carts by the entrances. ***Thank you so much for your continuous support and generosity.***

**WEB AND TECHNOLOGY SURVEY:** The Marketing Committee will be conducting a random survey evaluating Central's web and technology capabilities **beginning next Sunday, March 13.** Some members will find a questionnaire in their mailboxes in the Atrium. Please follow the directions on the survey - and thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please contact Roger Snider at 942-0695 or [rogersnider@comcast.net](mailto:rogersnider@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** You are welcome to join us for the final week of our study of woman in Genesis. Starting March 16, all are welcome to join us for 3 weeks with our Teacher-In-Residence, **Rev. Scott Hoezee**, who will be discussing the **Heidelberg Catechism** (March 16), the **Belgic Confession** and the **Canons of Dort** (March 23), and the new **Belhar Confession** (March 30). Refreshments at 9:30 AM and study from 10:00-11:00 AM. *The discussions will be repeated in the evenings from 7:00—8:00 PM in the church parlor.* **MEN—you are welcome to join us for Rev. Hoezee's study!**

**2011 TEACHER-IN-RESIDENCE: Rev. Scott Hoezee** will be with us for 3 weeks in March beginning **March 13**. His topic is *Confessing Our Faith in an Age of Science*. Please stop at the TIR table today during coffee hour to pick up a schedule of events and a copy of the book he will be using for the Sunday evening discussions. There is no charge as the books have been paid for with Van Wingen Funds.

**PRAYER SHAWL STITCHERS:** We continue to need prayer shawls for those in our church family going through a difficult time. We have given out over 200 shawls since this ministry began 3 years ago. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we knit and crochet. If you have any questions, please contact Norma De Boer at 532-7304.

**AN EVENING OUT:** Join your Central friends at the **Grand Rapids Griffins** game **Friday evening March 18 at 7:00 PM** for a fun evening of hockey and family fellowship. Look for the sign up sheet in the Atrium. *This is the last time to sign up.* Tickets are \$11.00 apiece (provided at least 25 people sign up) and can be paid to Brian or Jennifer Andrew anytime before 6:30 PM the night of the game. Hope to see you there!

**EASTER FLOWER SALE:** Beginning **NEXT Sunday, March 13 and March 20 & 27** you will have the opportunity to purchase Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone. These will grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$8 per plant to benefit the Liturgical Decorations Committee.

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITY:** Sue Poll and Linda Ballast invite you to join them for Contemplative Prayer (Lectio Divina) during Lent. They will meet you at the Dominican Center at noon on Wednesdays, beginning March 9. The sessions are 30 minutes long, and include guided Scripture Reading and meditation. Contact Sue at 866-2280, [SuePoll@gmail.com](mailto:SuePoll@gmail.com), or Linda at 975-4448, [LindaBallast@comcast.net](mailto:LindaBallast@comcast.net), for more information.

**MEN'S RETREAT at Grace Adventures - March 18th - 20th...** At *'Spring Training'* you will be recharged both physically and spiritually so that you can get back into the game of life! Worship, rest, time in God's Word, great food, and hanging out are all included in the weekend. Walt Wiley, president and founder of 'Winning With Encouragement' and also serving as Baseball Chapel's representative to the Atlanta Braves for the past 14 years, is the guest speaker. Need a great event to kick off the spring? Recruit a group of guys to come together and sign up as a group to receive a \$10 per person discount. Brochures of the event will be available at a sign up table - find Tami Brand.

**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 the **Molenaar family**.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Requirements

\$13,235

YTD Budget Requirements

\$463,225

Last Sunday Contributions

\$13,553

Actual Contributions Received

\$444,522

## KidZ Central Schedule

(Nursery age – 6th Grade)

- **TODAY:** Joyful Noise 10:45—11:10 AM—Palm Sunday songs and drama rehearsal.  
KidZ Central 11:00—Noon—*Life of Jesus*
- **Saturdays in March**—A new session of “*You Can Do It*” has begun. Make Saturdays count. Creative Arts between 11:30—4:30 PM at church.
- **Saturday, March 12, 4:30—6:30 PM Gymco Event.** Activities will be run by Gymco staff at the Gymco location off East Paris Ave. Finger food supper & beverages will be served in the activities room. \$10 per child, adults and crawlers free. Sign up, sign a waiver, and pay at the KidZ Welcome Center in the Atium.

**AUDITIONS the 1st week of April.** “*What’s the Matter With KidZ?*” performance date Sunday, June 12 and dinner theater “*Our Town*” Saturday, June 25. Rehearsals in MAY. Parts are available for all age groups.

**KIDZ STUFF SALE:** June 17-18. Please save any used clothing, toys, games, or furniture for the sale. Proceeds will go to VBS programming. Contact CMT member, Sue Ellen Vander Zee at 308-1747 if you have KidZ items to donate.

**FAMILY CAMP AT CRAN HILL: June 26—July 3.** Reservations need to be finalized for this #1 KidZ and family summer event. There are still camp spaces available for the week or portion of a week. Mrs. Timmer will be on hand to assist with KidZ activities and coordinating group evening meals. Don’t miss this opportunity for family fellowship and outdoor fun.

## You<sup>th</sup> New<sub>z</sub>

Ask a student this morning how the 30 Hour Famine went yesterday 😊

SH Breakfast Club is at **Cracker Barrel this Wednesday** from 6:30 till school.

**Journey** students will appear before the Board of Elders **THIS Wednesday evening (3/9)**, immediately following ash Wednesday worship. If you are not attending worship, be at church no later than 7:00pm, and *bring a copy of your creed* so you can be sure you have one in front of you!

Next youth Addie’s Diner is **Tuesday, April 5**. The team for the night is: *Aaron, Duncan, Elise T, Anne E, Onna, David J and Caroline*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.

Next **JH Breakfast Club** is SCHEDULED for Friday, *April 1* at Wolfgang’s...but a change is in process since school is off that day...stay tuned.

Upcoming meal providers: **3/6 – L/D Hooker**, 3/13 – Aidif, 3/20 – Brand



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**ACTIVITIES**

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

**TODAY**

Nathan Smith, Grayson Snoeyer  
Lauren Hooker  
Anna Lunderberg  
Jordan Clappison  
Larry & Mary Gerbens  
Borgman family  
Pat Mills  
Rick Davis, David Kok  
Stu Stewart  
Chris Wassink  
Tom Smith  
Kristen & Tori Aidif

**MARCH 13**

Nathan Smith, Grayson Snoeyer  
Nicki Byl  
Katie Vermeulen  
Sam Boeve  
Roger & Mary Snider  
Marybeth Timmer  
Joan Neckers  
Greg Verseput, Steve Ziel  
Tom Smith  
Bryan Snoeyer  
Ellen Bylsma  
Diana Snoeyer

**CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY 3/6</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service - Dr. Louis Lotz
	10:45 AM	Blood Pressure Screening
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor
<b>MONDAY 3/7</b>	6:45 PM	Children's Ministry Team
<b>TUESDAY 3/8</b>	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 PM	Barker Committee Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/9</b>	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
		Elders Meeting immediately following the Ash Wednesday Service
<b>THURSDAY 3/10</b>	12:00 N	Addie's Pantry
	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>SATURDAY 3/12</b>	10:00 AM	Noah's Flood Rehearsal
	11:30 AM	KidZ <i>You Can Do It</i> —Parlor & Stage
<b>SUNDAY 3/13</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service - Rev. Scott Hoezee
	11:00 AM	Education Hour
	11:00 AM	Klokkenkoor
	12:30 PM	Barker Committee serves dinner at Heartside
	4:30 PM	KidZ Gymco Event
	6:00 PM	Evening Book Discussions in members homes

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