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LIFE AT CENTRAL

April 24, 2011

EASTER: Easter is observed, according to a decision made at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox. Three-fourths of the church's calendar is determined by the date of Easter, and Christianity has little meaning apart from the significance which Easter represents. Thank you for visiting Central Reformed Church on this Easter Sunday. Christ is risen! Halelujah!

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to **Tom & Mary Bos** in the death of Tom's sister, Gladys De Fouw, on Monday, April 18. She lived in California. Tom & Mary's address is 1061 Springwood Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome some new members into our church family. **Greg Young** is the husband of Sue Poll. Greg works for the city of Rockford. Greg joins Central by Reaffirmation of Faith. **Craig and Mary Carlson** join Central by transfer of membership from Kentwood Community Church. Mary is an HR specialist. Craig is a chiropractor. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members!

CROSS IN ATRIUM: A beautiful cross has been installed on the north inside peak of the Atrium. Visible from the sanctuary, it deepens the link between the Atrium and the Sanctuary. This cross was part of the reredos in the Dykstra Chapel from 1957 until the reredos was replaced in 2000. The cross, including the reredos, was originally donated in memory of Ann Vander Broek by her sisters: Marge Emert, Esther Vander Broek, and Sadie VanWingen.

Reinstalled in the Atrium this week, the cross is anchored to the wall on top of a steel cross, made especially for this purpose, so that it would cast a small shadow. Special thanks to the Vander Broek family, to member Steve Van Zytveld for refurbishing the cross, to JWK Construction Co. for planning and executing the reinstallation, to the Property Committee for its enthusiastic support, to George Schmidt for coordinating this project, and to the couple who donated the funds to cover the installation costs.

UPCOMING BARKER CONCERT: In lieu of the performance of *Noye's Fludde* that was scheduled for April 29th & 30th, the Barker Series is pleased to welcome back *Ensemble Montage* for a performance **next Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 PM**. *Ensemble Montage* is a collective of eleven professional musicians based in Grand Rapids, and is dedicated to presenting kaleidoscopic combinations of chamber music ranging from the baroque trio sonata to modern-day compositions. Formed in 1997, the group specializes in repertoire which combines strings, woodwinds, piano, and optional percussion. The concert is free and open to the public. Be sure to stay for a post-concert reception in the Atrium and have an opportunity to meet these talented artists!

CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON: Please check the pages of the directory that are on the tables in the Atrium for any changes/updates that need to be made. The new directory will be in your mailboxes soon. Thank you!



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HUNGER WALK—MAY 7: *TWO weeks until the Hunger Walk!* You can still pick up a Walker envelope from Deb Byl. If you are unable to walk, there are many walkers who would gladly accept your pledge of donation. Every one of these donations counts...just \$30 feeds a family of four for a week. Walkers: please bring all monies collected so far to church next week Sunday, May 1. Contact Deb Byl at 285-9218 or debrabyl@comcast.net. if you have any questions.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or participated in the KiDZ Drama, *Palm Sunday in Jerusalem*, last Sunday morning. It takes many willing bodies of all ages to orchestrate a drama with sets, costuming, singing, and dance. Thank you to everyone who watched over, supported, encouraged and rehearsed. Thank you!!

SUMMER HELP NEEDED: Sunday morning shepherds, teachers and nursery care providers are needed for KidZ Central Summer Programming for June, July and August. Let Marybeth Timmer know ASAP which weeks you may be available to help.

WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS AND GREETERS ARE NEEDED for the 2011-2012 Calendar Year for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Training will be offered. If you are interested in the Children In Worship Program, please contact **Marybeth Timmer, Gretchen Munroe, or Carol Austin**.

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 is **Donna Marie Post**.

PEANUT FREE ZONE: An increasing number of Americans are developing allergies to peanuts. Allergic reactions to peanuts can be devastatingly serious. Central strives to be a Peanut Free Zone, and we ask you to be mindful of that when bringing foods to church. Thank you for your help.

THANK YOU:

I wish to thank the members of Central Church for all the cards, prayers, and love shown to me during my recent treatments for cancer. The love shown to us has been overwhelming.

Bill & Pat Mills

Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy we received during the brief illness and the passing of Todd's dad. Our Heavenly Father has shown us his love and care through your words and deeds. We are grateful to have the support of our church family.

Todd & Joy Eckstein & family

FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>Weekly Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Last Sunday Contributions</u>
\$13,235	\$14,482
<u>YTD Budget Requirements</u>	<u>Actual Contributions Received</u>
\$555,870	\$534,588



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KiDZ Central Schedule

TODAY: Happy Easter Sunday

Worship Centers: True Story of Easter - *He Is Risen!* - No 2nd hour. Pick up time 11:00 AM.

EASTER SUNDAY: The True Story of Easter. Worship Centers will meet. No second hour.

“*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.

KIDZ ARTWORK from 2010/2011 school year on display in the Atrium May 8 - 15. We will have a silent auction to sell the combined KidZ and Artist’s works. The money raised will be used for Vacation Bible School.

Y^outh Newz

No Clubs tonight...HAPPY EASTER!!!

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

Junior High Lock-In is THIS FRIDAY, April 29 from 7:00pm till 9:00am on Saturday! Look for a packing list email early this week, and know it’s ok to show up late if you need to!

YOUTH SUNDAY is Sunday, May 8th!!! We’ll rehearse at Clubs next Sunday, May 1st...BE THERE!

Next [youth Addie’s Diner](#) is **TUESDAY, May 3**. The team for the night is: *Alex W, Bethany T, Lauren H, Cassidy C, Jordan C, Abby B and Madeline H*. Plan to serve from 5:45-7:15pm.

Next **JH Breakfast Club** will happen on Friday, May 6 at 6:30am at Wolfgang’s.

[Upcoming meal/providers](#): **4/24 – No Club (Easter)**, 5/1 – Boeve, 5/8 – No Club (Mother’s Day)

Thanks for the flowers yall sent to us in PA...I was deeply touched, and felt surrounded by your love!



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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

Emma Andrew, Judith Ernst
Molly Taylor
Grace Van Renterghem
Jeremy Ernst
Dan Ballast, Joan Neckers
Krause family
No Education Hour
Tim Hoezee, Greg Verseput
Tom Smith
David Hooker
Mary Jean Lotz

MAY 1

Emma Andrew, Judith Ernst
Nicki Byl
Dakota Clark
Kevin Cornelius
Ken & Mary Bauman
Campbell family
Joan Neckers
Rick Davis, David Kok
Steve Ozinga

Annette Kok
Ryan & Teresa Rinvelt,
Anna Wormmeester

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 4/24	9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Worship Serviceô Dr. Louis Lotz Coffee Hour
TUESDAY 4/26	12:00 N 6:45 PM	Addieô Pantry Property Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY 4/27	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting Prayer Shawl Stitchers Celebration Ringers Consistory Meeting
THURSDAY 4/28	12:00 N 7:15 PM	Addieô Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
SUNDAY 5/1	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Worship Serviceô Dr. Louis Lotz Coffee Hour Blood Pressure Screening Education Hour Klokkenkoor Barker Concertô Ensemble Montage

CARE CONCERNS: Please contact Carol Bergman at clstaff@iserv.net or 975-5741 after hours or on the weekend. During office hours contact the office at 456-1773 or you may email mbeebe@crcgr.org. Church office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AMô 5:00 PM.