
FAMILY TIES



Church of the Saviour ~ September 2009

~~ Elder's Corner ~~
by Dennis Rosel

As most of you know by now, I'm a hugger. I love to give a hug as much as get one. If I had to attend a support group meeting my opening introduction would be "hello my name is Dennis and I'm a hugger."

I imagine it comes from my parents and I'm sure most of my children are well on their way to becoming lifelong huggers as well. I have only one child that has to have his arm twisted to hug us and then it feels like you're hugging a tree. But we keep working on him.

I give hugs for a lot of reasons. Joy, sadness, congratulations, to say hello or goodbye and for comfort just name a few. I remember going to the funeral home a few years ago when a friend passed away and when I hit the door the tears hit my face and my throat felt like I had a softball stuck halfway down. I don't believe I spoke a word to anyone. All I could do was hug my way through the family and leave. Later I was told how much it meant to the widow for the nice things I silently said at the funeral home.

I can easily picture the scene when I arrive in Heaven. Jesus is standing there waiting to hug me and my vision never gets past that. While I know there will be more, I find great comfort in knowing that's how it will start out for me.

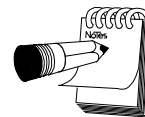
What brings you great comfort? If it's a simple a hug or telling someone, "I love you," then go for it. In 53 years I can honestly tell you that I have yet to hug someone that rejected it. Never.

We are all very familiar with the passage in 2 Corinthians 13:14 where it says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Now open your bible and look just two verses before that and you will find instruction to "Greet each other with a holy kiss." (New Century Version) If you see me coming your way in church or even the grocery store just remember it could always be worse. I could be kissing and not hugging!

May God bless each of you as you find and exercise your comfort zone in life.

Directory Updates

Dean and Eileen Heath's phone number at their new address is 616/818-4526.



The Scrapbooking/Craft Night for September will take place on Friday the 18th.

Are you in need of additional giving envelopes? If you are, please call or email the office. A new box of envelopes will be placed in your narthex mailbox.

From the Thursday morning Bible Study:
ISN'T IT STRANGE?

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church,

but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying... but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say... but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven... but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Weekly prayer concerns will no longer be put on the church website due to privacy concerns. An email will still be sent to the prayer chain distribution list on a weekly basis. If you are not currently receiving prayer chains via email but would like to, let the office know.

Volunteers are needed for this year's Sunday School program. Please contact Debbie Meindersma if you're willing to help out for any time period, even one Sunday for an hour would be great. The curriculum includes everything you will need, just bring a smile for the students! We are hoping to have 18 volunteers so we'll be able to run September through May. Contact Debbie via phone (895-6142) or e-mail tamdsm@altelco.net



JYF FUNDRAISER

The used cell phone collection is still ongoing for the youth group's fundraiser. The first shipment of phones in July gave JYF a small boost to their balance, but we look forward to additional shipments to Pace Butler Corporation. No chargers or other accessories are needed, just the cell phone and its battery.



Join us Saturday, **September 12, at 4PM** here at COS for this year's church picnic! For those of you who enjoy golf, a group will be going to Pigeon Creek in West Olive at 1PM. If you are interested but haven't added your name to the sign up list, please call the church office or Doug Leep (299-3674) as soon as possible. There is also a sign up for anyone interested in camping on the ball field the night before.



Sippy cup lids are available during Fellowship time to fit on the Tupperware cups used for juice. If your little one needs a lid and none are set out, check the southwest kitchen cupboard!

Did you happen to take any pictures during the period of time the church roof and towers were being repaired? If you did, please let the office or Bud Kloosterhouse know.

Cran-Hill Ranch Presents *Senior Fall Dinners*

Each day starting 11:45AM September 29th through October 1st and October 6th-8th. Whether you attend as part of a group or on your own, this will be an unforgettable day of good old-fashioned fun at Cran-Hill Ranch. Not only will you enjoy a wonderful meal, but afterwards we will tour the grounds via horse drawn wagon and celebrate our amazing creator as He paints the hills with beautiful fall colors. To register call 231/796-7669 or visit www.cranhillranch.com.

Children in Church...

One Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was acting up during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly down the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mic and, as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform jerking the mic cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose will he hurt us?"

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, Seventh Reformed Church in Grand Rapids is joining with The World Reformed Fellowship for a very special fall conference over the Reformation Day weekend (October 30-November 1, 2009). The theme is *Practical Calvinism in the Global Context* and speakers include Dr. Samuel T. Logan, Dr. P.J. Flip Buys, and Dr. Tim Trumper. For more information call 616/459-4451 or check www.7thref.org.



August 2 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 or Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 125 or Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 13 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33 or Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 19 or Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 20 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1 or Jeremiah 11:1-8-20 and Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 27 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

9:20-22 or Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 124 or Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Serving Community

Greeters:



September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Sue Meindertsma
Todd & Debbie Meindertsma
Phil & Barb Metten
Tom & Donna Muller

Coffee:



September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Shane & Monica Feikema
Byron & Joy Flanders
Dennis & Pat Grossenbacher
Dave & Sharon Hekhuis

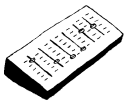
Nursery:



September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Miller/Hekhuis families
Mooney family & Melissa Veldman
Muller/Maxwell families
Pitz family & Kathy Veeneman

Sound
System:



September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Ray Tibbe
David Rosel
Will Rosel
Kyle McClellan

Sunday
School:

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27


summer break
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Tracy Snyder & Natalie Tibbe
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Communion
Set up:




September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6


Molly Thiss
David Rosel
Phil Metten
Lois Adema


 Greeters:

October 4	Bruce & Amy Pitz
October 11	John & Marty Richardson
October 18	Richard & Darlene Roper
October 25	Dennis & Lee Ann Rosel


 Coffee:

October 4	Robert & Theresa Kary
October 11	Bud & Nancy Kloosterhouse
October 18	Doug Leep & JoEllen Meerman
October 25	Jaime & Wendy Maxwell


 Nursery:

October 4	Richardson family
October 11	Roper family & Beka Wiersma
October 18	Dennis Rosel family
October 25	Sue Smith & Lori Bruins


 Sound System:

October 4	Ray Tibbe
October 11	David Rosel
October 18	Will Rosel
October 25	Kyle McClellan

Sunday School:

October 4	TBA
October 11	
October 18	
October 25	


 Communion Set up:

October 4	David Rosel
November 1	Phil Metten
December 6	Lois Adema



September

- 1 Steve Bennink
- 5 Darlene Roper
- 6 Shari Veldman
- 13 Caitlyn Lillibridge
- 19 Tom Muller
Jimmy Anderson
- 20 Amanda Veeneman
- 21 Kara VanderKooi
Blake Maxwell
- 23 Dan Anderson
Nicole Barkel
- 27 Monica Feikema
- 28 Valerie Lillibridge
Tena Luben
Carol Metzger
Kevin Wiersma
Kristin Mooney



**Happy
Birthday**

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 6:30 West MI Glass Club 6:30 Karate	2	3 5:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Karate 6:30 OA	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:36 Fellowship	7 	8 6:30 Karate	9	10 5:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Karate 6:30 OA	11 OFFICE CLOSED	 12	
13 9:30 Worship 10:36 Fellowship	14 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Seeker Keepers 7:00 Elders/Deacons 8:00 Consistory	15 6:30 Karate 7:00 Ed Council 7:00 Stitch & Share	16	17 5:00 Weight Watchers 6:00 Karate 6:30 OA	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 6-12 Scrapbooking/ Craft Night	
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