

**November 8, 2009**

Good morning,

It gets a little easier to say, "Welcome to Centerpoint Church" each week. And today, we especially want to welcome those who are visiting and hope that you will stop by our Visitor Center in the lobby and receive a gift and some information about our church.

It has been said that God's Word is deep enough that no one can touch bottom but shallow enough that no one will drown. We continue our series on God's design for our sexuality with a look at ways people have inappropriately responded to the issue of homosexuality.

Be sure to take a moment to sign the friendship pad and pass it down the aisle.

Members & Guests - Help us get to know you!  
Please be sure to fill out the "Friendship Register".

We would ask that all cell phones be turned off or set to vibrate so as not to disrupt our time of worship.

**Today's Morning Message**

**Great Sex**

"Why the Left and the Right are Both  
Wrong Concerning Homosexuality"

Luke 10:25-37  
Jeff Porte

**Next Sunday Morning**

**Great Sex**

"Sexual Urban Legends Singles Believe"  
Bill Crawford

Available for purchase... cds of all the worship services.

Stop by the Visitor Center or call the church office to order a copy.

Morning messages are available for listening or downloading online at [www.thirdreformed.org](http://www.thirdreformed.org)

## *2009 Holiday Schedule*

Sunday, November 22 @ 6:00 p.m.

Multi-Church Worship Celebration at Christian Life Center  
(Special offering for Christ Followers for Change will be taken)

Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Chapel

December 10, 11, 12 & 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

"A Christmas Carol" - Christmas Outreach Event

Childcare provided ages 0-4

(Refreshments and fun at The Point before and after the performance)

(6:00-6:45 p.m. and 9:15-10:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 24 @ 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 27 @ 10:45 a.m.

ONE SERVICE ONLY



## congregational concerns

Prayers For: Pat Crawford, Jenny DeWolf, Samuel Ekkens, Patrick Johnson, Dave Martin, Jim Northup, Don VanWeelden, Jerry Wynkoop

Bronson: Cathy Bierenga, Mike Klepper, Roy Taylor, Sr.

Anniversary Congratulations: John & Johanna Renema, 56 yrs. (Nov. 10).

Sympathy Extended To: The family of Lara Meeuwse who died on October 31.

Welcome Into Membership Today: Shelly Dean, Eryn Glerum, Jeshua and Annie Lauka; children Isaiah and Nolan, Bryan and Rebecca Longcore, Klaas and Sherry Maring, Doug and Sandy McGlashen, Tim and Brenda Mejeur; children Ryan, Jonathan, and Laura, Christine Simon, Greg and Amy Smith; children Ethan and Anna, Charlie Taplin, and Emily Worline.

## general

### Next Week's Greeters

9:00 a.m.

Bill/Judy Robertson, Brian/Lori Bronkema, Herman Ebbers, Joyce Brown, Larry/Nancy Stegink, Harold/Carol DeWolf

10:45 a.m.

Bill/Addie DeNooyer, Dave Weirick, Shirley Wiersma, Jason/Necole Wesaw, Josh Tymkew

### Next Week's Nurtury Schedule:

Tracy Wolthuis, Shirley Doorlag, Megan Doorlag, Jessica Baumann, Karen Miller, Sue/Emma VandenBrink

**Please arrive 15 minutes before worship begins so rooms are adequately staffed when children arrive. Thank you!**

### Infant Baptism

The next infant baptism is scheduled for next Sunday, November 15. Please contact Sharon Stratton in the church office (375-4815) if you desire baptism for your child. At least one of the parents or guardians must be a confessing member of the church.

**The Worship Arts department is seeking a volunteer to video tape one performance of our Christmas Outreach event. If you own a video camera and can do simple editing, we are seeking your help. Please email Dave Vander Bent at [vandedm@gmail.com](mailto:vandedm@gmail.com) for more information.**

### Angel Tree

An opportunity to share the joy and true story of Christmas with prisoners' families. You can select your ANGEL from the tables in the lobby on November 22, after 10:00 a.m. Be sure to sign them out at the table. Return gifts

**December 13, by 10:00 a.m. Contact Kris Mejeur at 345-6340 with questions or to volunteer to help.**

### Surviving The Holidays

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. - Noon (Family Life Center). Cost: \$5. If you are separated or divorced, holiday times can be especially difficult. Come to this half day seminar and learn principles that will help you cope during the holidays, and enjoy the fellowship of others who are facing the same challenges. There will be a DVD presentation and small group discussion. Questions: Call Mary Bonham (375-4815; ext. 107).

### Christmas Volunteers

Greeters, parking lot helpers, and prayer partners needed for "A Christmas Carol". If you are interested in helping us welcome and host the community in any of these ways, please contact Darren Tigelaar: [dtigelaar@thirdreformed.org](mailto:dtigelaar@thirdreformed.org).

### Ongoing Kids' Ministry Needs

- NURTURY WORKERS (teens, moms, dads & grandparents)...Do you like to rock babies, play with little ones or read books? Step on board and serve the littlest ones (work once a quarter) at the 9:00 a.m. service.
- NURTURY RUNNER needed at the 9:00 a.m. hour starting in December. This position is a great way for a teenager to serve; bringing the kids to the rooms before the service and then come back after worship to return the kids to their parents. Contact Miss Sue (375-4815; ext. 109).

### Health, Safety & Protection Training

This training is for you if you work with the children or youth at centerpoint. It will be held THIS Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (#206). It is offered to protect the children, the church, and yourself. It is a one time training so if you have already taken it at Third you don't have to take it again. Questions? Contact Miss Sue at 375-4815; ext. 109.

### CCN Satellite Seminar

"How and When to Talk to Your Kids About Sex" with Dr. Jim Burns.

Thursday, November 19 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Chapel

It's more than just giving them "the talk." Kids need an on-going dialogue to build a healthy, God-honoring view of sexuality. Learn more about age-appropriate topics, developmental stages, rites of passage, and purity.

### Germes NO...Kids YES

Nurtury Cleaning

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

We are really trying to be proactive with the flu season that is upon us, but can use more hands.

- Does your child use the Nurtury?
- Are you a student needing volunteer hours?

- Do you have an evening free to volunteer?

We could use your help at our next cleaning night - just bring your bucket and rag. Questions? Call Julie Kramer @ 544-2600.

### Expressions Of Thanks

Park Village Pines and I "THANK YOU" for your generous gifts to the Bakeless Bake Sale. Every dollar helps! *- Leora DeVries*

## deacons

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

**TODAY & November 15 & 22**

Donations may be put in the gray Deacons Bins. Thank you for sharing with those in need.

## missions

### KIDS HOPE USA TRAINING IS HERE

**TODAY ... 2:00-5:00 p.m. Rooms #323 - 324**

Anyone willing to love a child or become a prayer partner is encouraged to attend. Coffee, water, and snacks are free. No charge for training.

- Having a Kids Hope USA child is PRICELESS.
- Make a change in a child's life.
- Start TODAY.

For information, contact Connie Hagman at 375-3522 or 330-5221.

## prayer

### HEDGE PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer every morning in the Prayer Room to pray for the needs of the church.

Monday - Friday ... 5:00-7:00 a.m.  
Saturday & Sunday ... 6:30 a.m.

## seniors

Mark your calendars now and sign up by calling the church office (375-4815) for the following events:

Friday, Nov. 13

### CHILI COOK OFF & MOVIE

("Fireproof")

Friday, Nov. 27

### "WONDERFUL LIFE"

Dinner & play at the Civic Theatre

Friday, Dec. 4

### CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

## stepping stones

### Kids' Ministry

Programs are available for 2's - 1<sup>st</sup> grade at the 9:00 a.m. service and 2's - 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please check your children in at a Parent Pager Station. (These are located in the Nurtury and Fireside Room.) The 2 & 3 year olds can be brought to their classes in the Nurtury area after check-in. All 4's - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join their families for the initial part of the service. A dismissal will be given for kids to go to their classes. Please bring your child and their check-in slip to the class, plus check your child out at a station after worship before coming to pick them up.

### Promiseland Treasures

God's Word is a treasure and 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning to hide God's Word in their hearts. Parents, remind your child to:

- ★ Bring their Bible each week to Promiseland;
- ★ Go over the 'God Time Card' with your child this week;
- ★ Learn the unit treasure verse

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Psalm 139:3

"You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways."

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:

John 14:6

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

### ParentLink

The NOVEMBER edition of the ParentLink is available online at [www.thirdreformed.org](http://www.thirdreformed.org). This month's theme is being thankful to God. Highlights include ideas for turning on kids' "GRATITUDE LIGHTS", prayer starters and much more. There are practical ideas for nurturing kids' faith.

## the point

### Calling All Small Groups

Interested in a one-time serving project at The Point? Come help us decorate for the holidays or serve during the Christmas Carol production at The Point. We are looking for volunteers to help assist guests, hand out cookies, and create an awesome outreach atmosphere here for Christmas. For more information, contact Eliza or Trish at The Point (350-5496).

### Calling ALL Basketball Players

There will be OPEN BASKETBALL @ 5:30 a.m. every Friday at The Point. Come join us!

## women's

### *Making Christmas Memories*

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-9:15 p.m., with appetizers and desserts. Sign up begins next week for the crafts/demo that will be available this year. Cost: \$10/person...special mother & daughter rate for school age daughters (10+); adult \$10 /daughter \$5. Come for a special night of memories!

## worship arts

### CHRISTMAS Worship Choir

If you are interested in joining the choir this Christmas season, please join us in the Chapel on the following Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 p.m. ALL music/listening cds are provided.

- Wed., Nov. 11 ... Worship Center Lobby
- Wed., Nov. 18 ... Worship Center Lobby
- Wed., Dec. 2 ... Worship Center (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

The choir will be singing at both the 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. services on December 6. Please contact John MacMullen (375-4815; ext. 117) or email: [jmacmullen@thirdreformed.org](mailto:jmacmullen@thirdreformed.org) for more information.

## youth

College & High School & Middle School

### COLLEGE

We meet at Applebee's on West Main every Wednesday @ 9:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call Kory at 929-1162.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### Youth Group

We are going to the World Vision AIDS Exhibit after the second service. If you have signed up, meet at The Point at 12:30 p.m. Bring money for lunch on the way up. We will be back by 4:30 p.m. ALSO: We'll have a time of open gym and "hanging out" at The Point (5:00-7:00 p.m.) Drop in when you can!

#### 2010 HS Mission Teams Forming

Essential Info Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 15 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel  
Short and sweet, but oh, so important!  
Info on 2010 mission options for HS students. Now is the time to join a team and jump in on fundraising. Don't miss out! Questions? Contact Jonathan Kraker ([jkraker@thirdreformed.org](mailto:jkraker@thirdreformed.org)) or Julie Kieser (343-9811).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ZERO HOUR Refunds. If you purchased a ticket through us, please contact Liz Hedges to arrange a time to pick up your refund.
- Youth Group: Wednesday, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at The Point.

For more info on any of the youth opportunities, please contact Liz Hedges at 375-4815; ext. 106 or email: [lhedges@thirdreformed.org](mailto:lhedges@thirdreformed.org).

## stewardship

### Weekly Giving November 1, 2009

General Fund	\$ 38,714.81
Designated Fund	\$ 771.09
"It's Not About Me"	\$ 23,770.00
Deacons Fund	\$ 640.00

## community news

### Christ Followers for CHANGE

2008 Offering \$256,787.00

#### Distributions To Date

King Solomon's Academy \$108,357.00  
Christian school for children whose parents died of AIDS (survival education).

Kisumu, Kenya \$ 50,000.00  
The building of an orphanage.

Salvation Army (Kalamazoo) \$ 58,813.00  
At the request of the Mayor of Kalamazoo, funds to help those who couldn't cover heating costs.

Travel / Promotion \$ 33,366.00  
Unused to date \$ 6,251.00

#### Park Village Pines

Fall Pancake Breakfast and Harvest Barn Sale - Saturday, Nov. 14 ... Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. and Barn Sale @ 9:00 a.m.

#### Vanguard Ministries

With the winter season approaching, the street ministry techniques change. They are asking for donations of chili which can be heated up and used for the street ministry. You could make a batch of chili, put it in Ziploc freezer bags, and help with this ministry outreach. For more info, contact Nate Bull at (269) 718-9519.

**Four Year Bible Reading  
Week 90  
November 8, 2009  
1 Chronicles 13-18**

# Weekly Calendar

**TODAY, November 8                      THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

6:30 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 7:30 . . . . . Technical Ministry  
 9:00 . . . . . Worship Service / Hedge / Little Lambs / Bears / KidsOwn Worship  
    Attributes of God / Saving Your Marriage  
 9:15 . . . . . Emergency Medical Team  
 10:30 . . . . . Expository Bible Study / Me and My House / The Truth Project  
 10:45 . . . . . Worship Service / Hedge / Little Lambs / Bears / Sunday School / Promiseland  
    Faithful Feelings  
 12:30 p.m. . . . . HS Departure for World Vision AIDS Exhibit  
 2:00 . . . . . Kids Hope Training  
 5:00 . . . . . HS Youth Group

**Monday, November 9**

5:00 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 9:00 . . . . . 4's Preschool (M/W/F)  
 9:30 . . . . . Solid Ground Leaders  
 5:30 p.m. . . . . BSF  
 6:00 . . . . . Musical Rehearsal  
 6:30 . . . . . SoulCare Grace Group

**Tuesday, November 10                      STOP & SHOP**

5:00 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 6:30 . . . . . Group Prayer  
 9:00 . . . . . 3's Preschool (T/Th) / Solid Ground for Women  
 9:30 . . . . . Soul Care Grace Group  
 10:45 . . . . . Senior Adult Bible Study  
 12:00 p.m. . . . . Senior Adult Luncheon  
 6:30 . . . . . First Place for Health / Vocal Rehearsal ("A Christmas Carol")  
 6:30 . . . . . Health, Safety & Protection Training

**Wednesday, November 11**

5:00 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 5:00 p.m. . . . . Prime Time Food  
 5:30 p.m. . . . . Worship Team  
 6:00 . . . . . Standing in the Gap / Musical Rehearsal  
 6:30 . . . . . Men's Prayer Meeting / Jesus' Friends / Highpoint / GEMS  
                                  MS Youth Group / Attributes of God / Parenting Your Teenager / MOPS / Esther  
                                  Orchestra / Choir / First Place for Health / Soul Care / Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

**Thursday, November 12**

5:00 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 6:15 . . . . . Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 6:00 p.m. . . . . Drop-In Basketball (The Point)  
 6:00 . . . . . Musical Rehearsal / Woman to Woman Potluck  
 6:30 . . . . . Divorce Care / Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 . . . . . Women's Bible Study

**Friday, November 13**

5:00 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 5:30 p.m. . . . . Seniors Chili Cookoff & Movie  
 6:00 . . . . . Musical Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 14**

6:30 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 9:00 . . . . . Surviving the Holidays  
 10:00 . . . . . Orchestra Rehearsal

**Sunday, November 15                      THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

6:30 a.m. . . . . Morning Prayer  
 7:30 . . . . . Technical Ministry  
 9:00 . . . . . Worship Service / Hedge / Little Lambs / Bears / KidsOwn Worship  
    Attributes of God / Saving Your Marriage  
 9:15 . . . . . Emergency Medical Team  
 10:30 . . . . . Expository Bible Study / Me and My House / The Truth Project  
 10:45 . . . . . Worship Service / Hedge / Little Lambs / Bears / Sunday School / Promiseland  
    Faithful Feelings  
 12:15 p.m. . . . . HS Mission Trip Meeting (2010 Trips)  
 5:00 . . . . . Unite HS Youth Group