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# THE CENTRAL CHANNEL

## August 2019

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*God made  
the little birds and flowers  
and all things large and small;  
He'll not forget His little ones  
if they obey His call.  
He loves me too,  
He loves me too,  
I know He loves me too;  
because He loves  
the little things,  
I know He loves me too!*



*God is so good!  
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God is so good!  
He's so good to me!*

### *From the Pastor's Pen ...*

Seasons come and seasons go. It sure seems like summer is flying by again. But we still have a few weeks before the kids get back to school and, of course, we won't be giving up the nice weather for a while.

The Steenwyks have saved their time away until the end of the summer here – and it's all coming at once! After Rachel and I return from the RYS Convention on Friday, we leave for camping that Saturday. This will be our annual trip with my family at Tri-Ponds in Allegan. We come home from there on the following Friday and leave again for five days up near Sleeping Bear Dunes with friends. It'll be a whirlwind, but we cannot complain. This is the season to enjoy the out-of-doors!

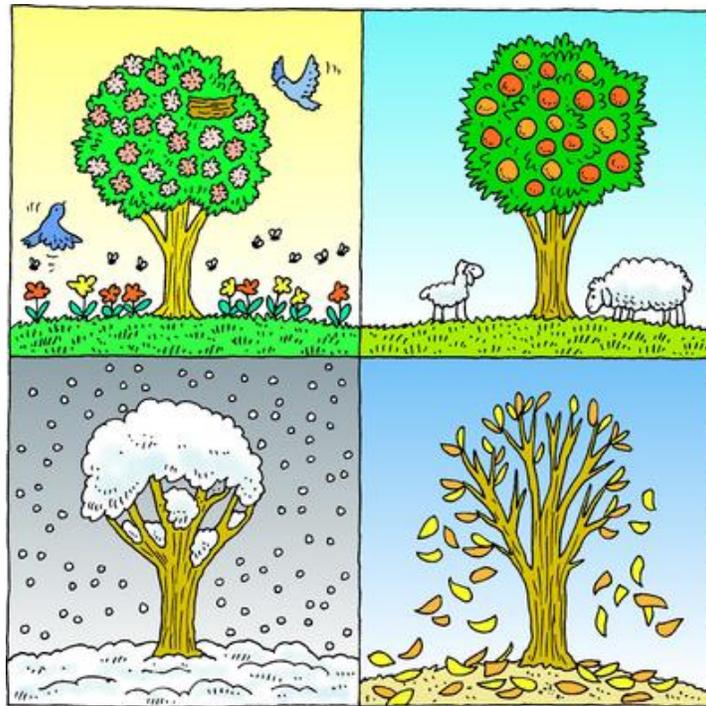
As you can imagine, life in general continues to stay busy. This season of life finds Rachel and me with the blessings of having almost three teenagers in the house. This month Elleh starts her junior year at Holland Christian, Henry will be a freshman there, and Leo enters 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Middle School. So, we're anticipating another school year full of learning, activities, and sitting on the sidelines cheering the kids on. So, yes, it's also lots of fun.

One of the ways I have been able to cheer on my kids, as well as many others in our congregation and beyond, is in my role as a trustee on the Holland Christian School Board. This past year I was renewed for another three-year term – I guess a season in its own rite. If you follow the news of the school, you know that it has been a tumultuous couple of years. We have just begun a Superintendent search and my

hope is to stay on the board at least through the filling and onboarding of that position. Yes, it does mean more meetings in my life, but it is a place to which God has led me and I believe I can serve Him outside my normal "day job."

I would love to hear about the season God has you in these days. Stop in. Give me a call. Shoot an email. We walk through these seasons together. As we continue through these cycles, remember God's covenant with Noah is not only reflected in the colorful bow He hands in the sky, but in the changing of the seasons in nature and in our lives. Genesis 8:22 – **"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."** But then also Revelation 22:20 – **"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**Pastor Chad**



***"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace ..."***  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

## ***Shut-ins and Missionaries for August 2019***

### **July 28 – August 3**

#### **KATHY KOTMAN**

Pine Ridge ALF  
15467 Port Sheldon St  
West Olive, MI 49460

**Missionaries: Rev. Dave and Blanca  
Gifford**

**Resonate Global Missions in Mexico  
City**

### **August 4-10**

#### **GRADUS LUBBERS**

Resthaven Care Center  
280 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holland, MI 49423

**Missionaries: Rev. Gil and Joyce Suh**  
**Resonate Global Missions in  
Cambodia**

### **August 11-17**

#### **FERN BARKEMA**

Lakeside Vista, Building 3, Room 110  
340 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holland, MI 49423

**Missionary: Leanne Geisterfer**  
**World Renew in Honduras**

### **August 18-24**

#### **HERMINA NYHOF**

Appledorn Living Center South  
727 Apple Avenue – Room B11  
Holland, MI 49423

**Missionaries: Pablo and Sheryl Canche**  
**Resonate Global Missions in Mexico**

### **August 25-31**

#### **BOB SLUITER**

American House  
Lakeshore Manor B7  
11911 James Street  
Holland, MI 49424

**Mission: International Theological  
Education Ministries – Rev. Will  
Hesterberg**

*Before we know it, our summer of 2019 will come to an end. It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks our children and young people will be back in school already. Each day, each week, each month seem to become “the past” so quickly. It is so important to live all of life taking advantage of every opportunity we are given. Summer is such a great time to experience God’s great big wonderful world. The colorful flowers, the green of the grass, the leaves that softly move at the wind’s direction, birds singing so sweetly every morning to joyfully and thankfully welcome a new day, the warmth of the sunshine and the cool of the lakes. Endless activities keep us busy living and loving life. We are so blessed here in West Michigan to enjoy the beauty of the seasons – so full, so rich, so different, so much of variety to delight our senses. I do hope your summer has been a wonderful break from the routine and that you were able to recreate and to enjoy – and it’s not over yet! Life is not about being “busy” but it is about busily enjoying what God has given, what He has created, what He designed for our pleasure and delight. Even if your very favorite season does not happen to be summer, there is no denying that it is a lovely time of year to just take in the beauty of the season. Soon God will paint different colors all around us and we will move into a season of yellows and oranges and reds. We will fall in love all over again with God’s perfect design and His amazing creative power over the awesome and promised order of life.*

*God is so good!*

S. Zwiep



# **Thank You!**

*Dear family of Central Avenue, Again we need to thank you for your prayers, cards, and concerns received this spring. For Jett in answered prayers as he looks forward to being reunited with his family; for Karl with your prayers and support in his loss of Libby; and for Karl and me and the support given to us in my recent surgery. God is good! "Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"* **Karl and Adele Ellerbroek**

*Thank you to my Central Avenue family for all of the cards and notes for my birthday this spring. I love you all and have kept every single card and note I have received from you. I have not been able to do this without all of your prayers, encouragement and love.* **Jett Ellerbroek**

*Thank you to those who wished us farewell at our gathering after the service on June 23. It was so lovely to hug those who have prayed over us. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and words of encouragement these past couple of years and now as we prepare to move. In our darkest time, our church family surrounded us with love, prayer and encouragement. We are grateful to you for sharing this journey with us and interceding in prayer for Jett, Marinna during her illness, and the rest of our family. God is so mighty, and He is always faithful. We have been blessed to be part of the Central Avenue family these years and our transfer to South Carolina is bittersweet as we leave those we love. We pray for God's continued blessing and faithfulness to Central Avenue Church. Grace and peace,* **Kevin, Jill, Kruz and Marinna Ellerbroek**

*When we are hurting – sooner or later we all do – a loving card is a healer. What a wonder a card is! I want to thank you all for healing touch via cards and calls.*  
**Marjorie Wolters**

*Dear Central Avenue Family, Thank you for your kind words and card in the passing of my brother-in-law Lloyd. It is so much appreciated, and I love each and every one of you!* **Judy Windemuller**

**Marv and Lois Nienhuis** wish to thank everyone who remembered their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with cards and best wishes. Lois also thanks everyone for cards she received on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Each one was enjoyed.

*Thank you again to my church family for the many beautiful cards, calls and gifts for my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.* **Bertha Maat**

*Thank you, Central Avenue, for all the cards, emails, phone calls, treats at the restaurant and transportation to and back home for my birthday! Your kindness meant so much to me.* **Jo Sankey**

*Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls after my knee surgery. It is so good to be a part of the family of God. **Evelyn Kolean***

*I would like to thank you for the many cards and calls for my birthday. They were all appreciated. Central Avenue is a very caring church. **Gene Grotenhuis***

*To Central Avenue Church: Thank you for all the cards and kind words in the death of our dear sister, Cleone Meulenbelt. We appreciate our caring church family!  
**Ruth and Ken Postma***

*We would like to thank the congregation for the cards and best wishes for our anniversary. God has richly blessed us. With Christian love,  
**Henry and Grada Voetberg***

*Thank you for the many cards Bob received for his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. We also would like to thank the Central Avenue congregation for the many cards received and verbal expression of sympathy in the death of Bob's sister Dorothy.  
**Bob and Carlene Kaashoek***



*Blest be the tie that binds us as one –  
together in Christ Jesus –  
to share the joys and sorrows that make up our lives  
as His family of believers!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



As you receive this copy of the church newsletter today, the SENIORS will join together this Wednesday, July 31, for a Hot Dog dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by guest speakers,

John and Jan Klompmaker – John is Bernie and Dina's son.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. they will share about their work in China.

Ice Cream will be served following their presentation.

*This late July gathering will serve as the Seniors' August meeting.*

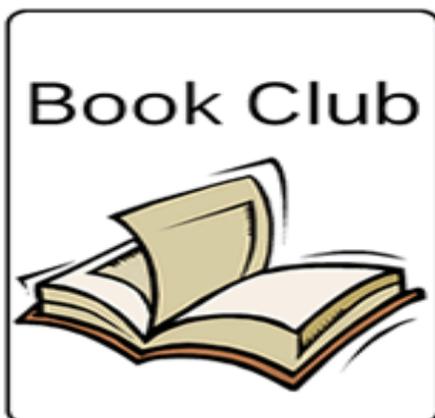
## ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR FUTURE SENIORS' GATHERINGS:

*No meeting in September due to Family Visiting.*

**Thursday, October 10:** Gerry Fraccaro, a new member of our church family, will speak to the Senior's Group on his experiences in Saudi Arabia and Singapore. He was an airline pilot for 23 ½ years there. *More detailed information will be in the September Channel.*

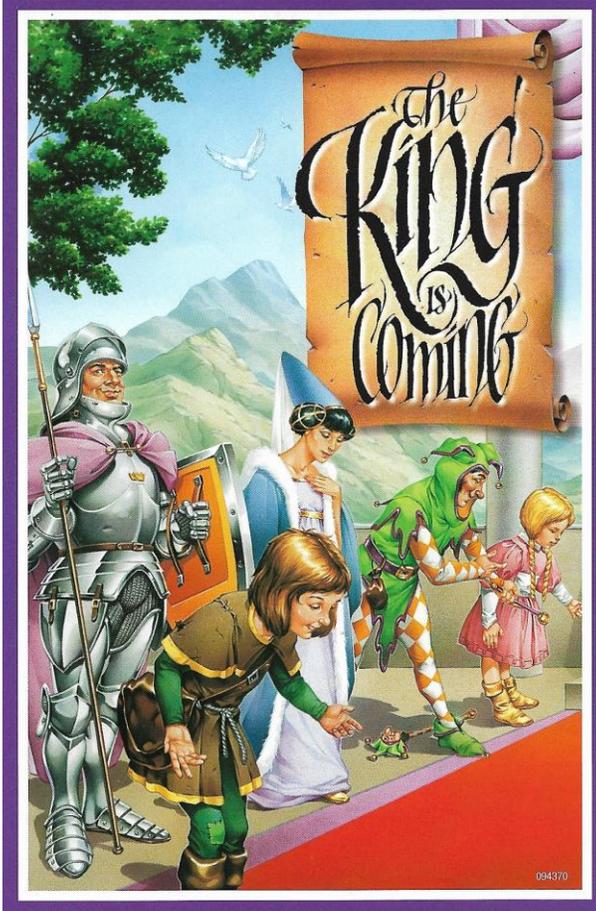
**Thursday, November 7:** 9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Anna's House.

**Friday, December 6:** **Christmas Celebration Dinner Concert** with Timothy Noble at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. Tickets are \$18.00 per person and 20 tickets have been purchased. If more tickets are needed, we will check to see if more are available which means you should sign up on the sheet in the narthex as soon as possible so we don't lose out on the opportunity to get more tickets while we can!



The **Summer Back Yard Book Club** will meet on August 7 and 14 this month which then will end the study and discussion of "*The Gospel Comes with a House Key*" by Rosaria Butterfield.

**Thanks to Pastor Chad and Rachel for hosting and to Andy and Sarah Visser for hosting when Pastor Chad and Rachel were away!**



## **FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Saturday, August 10, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
followed by a Picnic Supper!**

*Bible School with a twist! Moms and Dads and grandparents will join together with their own children and grandchildren to enjoy Bible stories, singing, crafts, and games. This event is for each family to enjoy Bible School together –*

*not separated into age groups.*

*Each family will learn and play together!*

*Here is what the afternoon will look like:*

*At 2:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for our first of 4 (45 minutes) sessions. Each session will begin with part of the Story of Redemption – The King Is Coming! presented with Scripture and skit.*

1. *Creation and the Fall*
2. *The Covenant and God's Promises*
3. *Salvation*
4. *Glory*

*After the Bible story presentation, you can choose to play outdoor games, make a craft, or browse the*

*Ministry Center for information about our Bible studies and programs for all ages. The "Bible School" format is ideal for inviting friends and neighbors to experience CACRC in an informal setting. **Please pre-register by August 1 – You can sign up on the sheet in the narthex or on the church website.***



## **Church Committees**

Please be reminded of the **ALL COMMITTEES' MEETING** on Monday night, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. All those who will be chairing and/or serving on committees are asked to be there if they are able. The Executive Committee will explain some of the protocols and expectations of each committee. Time will also be given for individual committees to meet as well. This meeting will take place in The Ministry Center.



**Annual Church Picnic** We will join on Saturday, August 24, at Drenthe Grove Park. Food catered in by Beechwood and fun and games for everyone! ***You must sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend so that the committee knows how many will be coming.***



## **AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE**

### **August 4**

**A.M.** Missy Knot/Henry Steenwyk

**P.M.** Abigail Visser/Stacey Jackson

### **August 11**

**A.M.** Shelly Koeman/Jodi Bruinsma

**P.M.** Carol Van Dyke/Lauren Bushouse

### **August 18**

**A.M.** Kristen Schierbeek/Avery Peters

**P.M.** Mallory Jackson/Margo Hoekstra

### **August 25**

**A.M.** Melanie Beckman/Audrey Mast

**P.M.** Sue Zwiep/Ashley Koeman



## **AUGUST COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

### **August 4**

**A.M.** General Fund

**P.M.** Area Christian Schools

### **August 11**

**A.M.** Special Mission Commitment

**P.M.** Institute for Reformed  
Biblical Counseling

### **August 18**

**A.M.** General Fund

**P.M.** Cambodian Fellowship CRC

### **August 25**

**A.M.** General Fund

**P.M.** Cornerstone Ministries

## **AUGUST USHERS**

### **A.M.**

Don Klaasen

Vern Prins

Harwyn Berens

Benjamin Biswas

### **P.M.**

Stacy Jackson

Jonah Jackson

Eric Ter Beek



## **AUGUST GREETERS**

### **August 4**

Karl and Adele Ellerbroek

Dan and Barb Habers

### **August 11**

Jerry and Joan Nyhof

TBD

### **August 18**

John and Karen Van Den Berge

Lloyd and Marjorie Wolters

### **August 25**

Steve and Sue Zwiep

Beth Vandebroek/

Judy Windemuller

## **AUGUST VISITOR ASSISTANTS**

### **August 4**

Carl and Carol Van Dyke

### **August 11**

Harwyn and Harley Berens

### **August 18**

Irv and Marianne Bos

### **August 25**

Paul and Ruth Bult

## **AUGUST SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

### **August 4**

Fellowship Group #4

(Paul Bult/Jerry Mannes)

### **August 11**

Fellowship Group #6

(Craig Yonker/Derrick Staat)

### **August 18**

Fellowship Group #7

(Phil De Vries/Casey Rozema)

### **August 25**

Fellowship Group #1

(Steve Zwiep/Jon Peterson)

# AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 9:00 am Prayer	3
4 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  5:00 pm Evening Worship	5	6	7  7:00 pm Backyard Book Club	8	9 9:00 am Prayer	10  FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL 2 – 5 p.m. with Picnic following
11 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  5:00 pm Evening Worship	12  COUNCIL AGENDA DEADLINE  7:00 pm All Committees' Meeting	13 7:00 am Executive Committee Meeting	14  7:00 pm Backyard Book Club	15	16 9:00 am Prayer	17
18 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  5:00 pm Evening Worship	19	20  4:30 pm Family Hope Meal	21	22	23 9:00 am Prayer	24  ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC 5:30 pm At Denthe Grove
25 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship  5:00 pm Evening Worship	26  7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm Elders' Meeting	27	28	29	30 9:00 am Prayer	31

# AUGUST 2019

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

AA

**August 1**

Mary Van Hof

**August 2**

Luke Troast

**August 3**

Tami Bouma  
Bea Meier  
Dany Guillory

**Bernie Klompaker - 92**

**August 5**

Deb Plaggemars  
Audrey Schierbeek  
Shari Lopez

**August 7**

Meagan Pifer

**August 8**

**Sue Branderhorst - 89**

**August 11**

Mary Van Heuvelen  
Scott Knoll

**August 12**

Bob Kuipers, Jr.

**August 13**

Judy Windemuller

**August 14**

Avery Peters

**August 16**

Harrison Visser

**August 17**

**John Meier - 88**

**August 18**

Nan Mulder  
**Carlene Kaashoek - 81**  
Breann Mast  
Mandie Bosch

**August 19**

Morris Gort

**August 20**

**Marjorie Wolters - 87**  
Nate Schierbeek  
**Char Nykamp - 88**

**August 21**

Jan Zoerman  
Doug Roossien  
Jeanie De La Garza  
**Theresa Allen - 82**

**August 22**

Joshua De Wys  
Mallory Jackson  
Ja'Mariah Pifer

**August 23**

Stacey Hollebeek

**August 24**

Ellyn Bosch

**August 25**

Linda Zwart  
Carol Van Dyke

**August 28**

Happy Baroi

**August 29**

Don Cook

**August 30**

Devan Hoekstra

**August 31**

Heidi Smit  
Cathy Haverdink



**August 2**

**Al and Mary Teerman - 52**

**August 3**

**Marv and Ruth Lanser - 68**

**August 4**

Seth and Anne Bushouse

**August 6**

Stacy and Stacey Jackson  
Ben and Sarah Ashby

**August 8**

Bob and Dianne Swierenga

**August 9**

**Floyd and Bertha Maat - 73**

Gil and Joyce Suh -  
missionary

**August 14**

Craig and Velva Yonker

**August 15**

Ted and Pat Bosgraaf

**August 17**

Dave and Blanca Gifford -  
missionary

**August 23**

Dick and Nan Mulder

**August 29**

Carl and Carol Van Dyke

