



Ferry Log

Newsletter of Ferry Memorial Reformed Church ♦ November 2015

- November 1, Sunday: Communion (come forward)
- November 8, Sunday: Congregational Meeting—
Consistory slate
- November 21, Saturday: Food Baskets—pack and deliver
- November 26, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day service, 9:30 a.m.
- November 29, Sunday: First Sunday of Advent



- December 5, Saturday: Our float in the parade—2 p.m.
- December 7, Monday: Christmas Luncheon for Seniors
- December 10, Thursday: *Journey of Joy* rehearsal
- December 12, Saturday: *Journey of Joy* 6-8 p.m.
- December 13, Sunday: *Journey of Joy* 6-8 p.m.
- December 20, Sunday: Children participate in worship
- December 24, Christmas Eve: Family service 6 p.m.
- December 24, Christmas Eve: Candlelight service 11 p.m.



<i>Rev. Amy de Groot Bowling, family and youth pastor</i>
<i>Rev. Nick Bowling, family and youth pastor</i>
<i>Gloria Rademaker, editor / deadline for next issue - Nov. 16</i>

from your Stewardship Committee

Treasure Principle: It has been three weeks since kick off Sunday on October 11. Adult Sunday school has met twice and some of the small groups have begun their study of the Treasure Principle. I (Larry) personally have facilitated two study groups, one in adult Sunday school and one in our small group. The discussions were very good. What made them so was not our ability to give the right biblical answer to the study questions, but the stories of faith that were shared by the group members. This openness and personal disclosure is, in fact, a way of giving generously to other members in the group. Being a part of groups like these has always brought me closer to others and; hence, closer to God.



If you have not joined a group yet, it is not too late. Please consider the benefits, and if you are able to participate in a group, please do so. There are several Treasure Principle books left. If you have not picked one up yet, or if your family would like another copy, or you have a friend that you think could benefit from the book, please take another one. There is a box in the kitchen with many books left in it. The donor purchased them for us with the intent that they be freely given. Help yourself!

Larry VanderPlaats

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? SIMPLY STATED, STEWARDSHIP IS USING THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN US TO DO THE THINGS GOD ASKS (CALLS!) US TO DO.

Sr. High Breakfast Club has begun!

Pastor Nick is meeting with senior high students each Sunday morning for a great breakfast and great discussion. How do we make difficult decisions?



What we decide is important, but equally important is HOW we decide. They will be using No Easy Answers, curriculum designed to help kids think about the Bible, the 10 Commandments, and difficult ethical decisions. We hope to equip kids with a biblical framework for thinking through life's difficult decisions. Thanks to Gary Hedrick and Ruth and Terry Pecott for making amazing breakfasts!

S.O.S. (Servants of the Savior) meets each Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 pm-it is a great outreach program! Typically 1/3 to 1/2 of our students do not regularly attend Ferry. At S.O.S. they play awesome games, snack on Slushies, and learn about teens in the Bible. God can use everyone, no matter how young or old! The kids are encouraged to do devotions (read their Bible) on their own each week, and are invited to share about something they read or learned from the Bible that week (they get a prize for being brave and sharing!). Kids are also invited to publically offer a prayer for a prayer request from the previous Wednesday. These things are foundational in a young Christian's life-Bible reading and prayer! At S.O.S. they are learning and practicing the basics of growing in faith!



Kids' Klose†—a part of Food & More Program



Kids' Klose† has been richly blessed this fall. We entered into a caring relationship with Oehrli Elementary school and have been able to respond to identified needs for winter clothing within their student population.

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to purchase 40 pairs of snowpants. Those have been delivered and we are currently in the process of buying about 40 pairs of boots. It literally warms my heart to think of all those children having appropriate winter wear this year.

If you took a boot tag off the "giving wall", please bring the boots you have obtained with the corresponding tag to The Friendship House.



I am truly amazed and touched by the way the congregation has supported this ministry. Thanks to everyone!!!

We continue to provide gently used clothing to the community, as well. If you know of a family who might be in need don't hesitate to give them my number. Holly VanderPlaats 894-9819

Your Kids' Klose† Team—Gayle Strasser, Mary Pyper, Holly VanderPlaats

Happy November Birthday!

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| 02 Abriana Ramthun | 18 Karen Bolema |
| 04 Mike Hawkins | 20 Graywolf Hakken |
| 06 Amanda Johnson | 20 Art Sadony |
| 06 Dave Pickard | 23 Harlan Rypma |
| 08 Daxton Roesler | 24 Carol Brand-Twa |
| 11 Tony Moulds | 25 Quinn Weesies |
| 12 Laura Jeffries | 26 Sue Joyce |
| 12 Terry Pecott | 27 Allen Fredenburg |
| 16 Bill Vanden Heuvel | 29 Jeff Auch |
| 16 Larry VanderPlaats | 29 Lynn Ramthun |
| 17 Lyn Rypma | |



Celebrating Anniversaries!

- 01 Dave & Beth Pickard
- 03 Ron & Ann Grinwis
- 29 Nick & Katie Bultema
- 29 Bill & Deb Jellema
- 29 Bob & Sue Steensma



If we have missed
your birthday or anniversary,
please call Gloria in the church office
(894-9415) or email: fmrchurch@charter.net
and provide the missing information.
We would like to “recognize” your special date!

November Volunteers!

NURSERY

- 01 Dawn & Isabelle Auch, Kaitlyn Hamann
- 08 Stephy Grotenhuis, Amanda Holman
- 15 Rich & Gina Houtteman family
- 22 Margaret Amstutz, Dolly Wantuch, Seth Cherry
- 29 Mike & Lisa McGahan family



SOUND BOARD

- 01 Roger Grasman
- 08 Mark Grotenhuis
- 15 Jeff Cherry
- 22 Jeff Auch
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 29 Roger Grasman



POWERPOINT

- 01 Ryan Springer
- 08 Ann Jeffries
- 15 Lizzy Cherry
- 22 Casey Lownds
- 29 Ryan Springer

Children's Church

- 01 Lindsay DeRose, Rachel Houtteman (Lesson 49)
- 08 Dan & Wanda Lownds family (Lesson 50)
- 15 Deb Markel, Amanda Holman (Lesson 51)
- 22 Rachelle & Amanda Johnson (Lesson 52)
- 29 No Children's Church



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME -

coffee preparers/servers

- 01 Dave & Lyn Rypma
- 08 Dan & Janice Proctor
- 15 Gary & Sharon Ransom
- 22 Carol Witzke
- 29 Jeff & Dawn Auch



cookies/snacks providers

- 01 Dave & Lyn Rypma
- 08 Michelle Hamann & Lisa McGahan
- 15 Rachelle Johnson & Rachel Weesies
- 22 Lynn Ramthun
- 29 Gord & Chris Sikkenga