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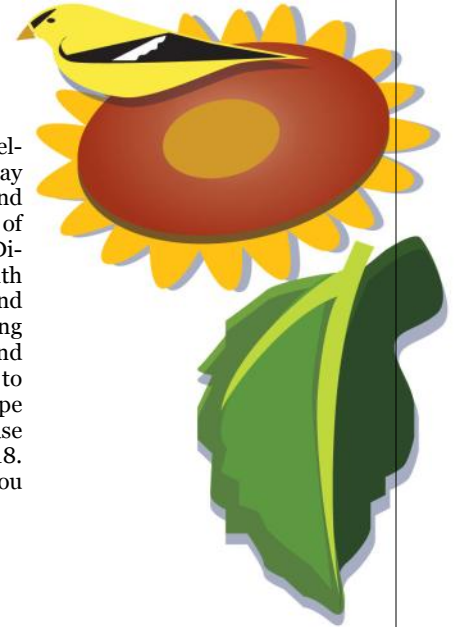
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Fellowship at the Auto Plant (which replaces Fellowship on the Farm) will take place on Saturday September 17th from 3:30 till dusk. The field and outdoor pavilion is located on the far east side of SIA on the south side of the fitness building. Directions to the site will be in the September 11th bulletin. Fish and chicken fry, inflatables and playground for the kids, walking trail, fishing ponds, softball (if enough show interest), and great fellowship. The congregation is asked to bring a dessert to share. Bring a friend and hope to see you there. SIA requires waiver release forms be signed for children under the age of 18. Please see Brad Todd for the forms and if you have any questions.



GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOU AND I

Stan Buck tells the story about a little girl who, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

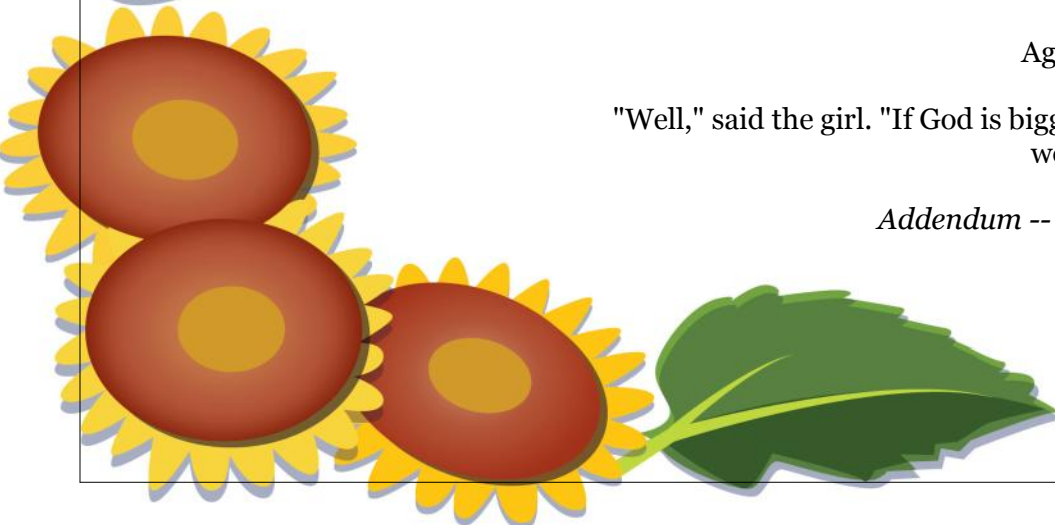
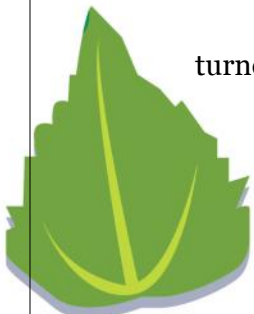
The girl replied, "Well, he said God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied. "He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through us?"

Addendum -- does God shine through you?



Well, school is back in session which means our special activities and groups will be back in swing this month! Is there a group you could join?

COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY: This group is an outreach Bible study and will meet every Wednesday morning at 9:15 a.m. to study Esther. Friends, co-workers and relatives are welcome! Meetings begin September 7th with a continental breakfast and fellowship.

FRIENDSHIP MINISTRY: This special ministry is geared towards those who are mentally challenged. If you or someone you know would like to join this group, we meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 12th.

LADIES AID SOCIETY: All church woman are invited to join this group that meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from now until April. The first meeting is September 15th at 1:30 p.m.; coffee and snacks will be served.

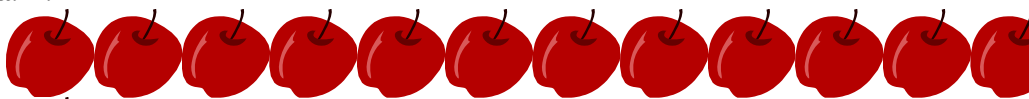


CADETS: Cadets is for boys ages 2nd grade up and will meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Dale DeYoung will be the leader and has many fun activities planned including a bike hike on Sunday, September 11.

YOUTH GROUP: All youth grades 6th through 12th are encouraged to be part of this amazing group. The activities scheduled for the school year include Bible studies, volunteering, hiking, concerts, Frisbee golf, camping, and various community service projects as well as projects such as Operation Christmas Child to impact those who are in countries less fortunate. A parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th at Community Reformed Church immediately following the morning worship service; approximately 11:00 a.m.

CHOIR: Love to sing? Love to praise God? The LCRC choir is in need of singers and we would love to have you join us! Rehearsal begins on Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. before the morning service and then again at 10:45 a.m. Normal rehearsals will be each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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APPLESAUCE COOKIES submitted by Joyce Hanstra

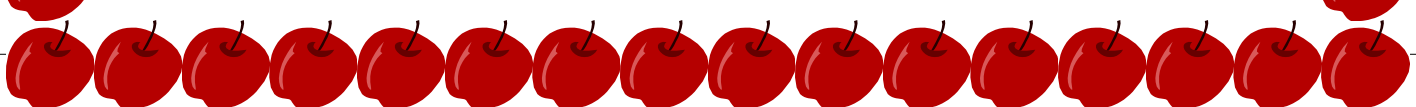


- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup of applesauce
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon

- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. cloves
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)



Mix all together. Grease cookie sheet; bake 10-12 minutes on 350. Top with icing if desired.





THIS MONTH'S
anniversaries

September 9, 1978

Denny and Janet Burkenpas

September 12, 1964

Phil and Joan Fisher

September 12, 1981

Brent and Jean Mull

September 16, 1989

Larry and Jayne King

September 17, 1951

Wayne and Barbara Bouwkamp

September 23, 1949

Ralph and Phyllis Plantenga



THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

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| 1 Margaret Keizer | 15 Bill Hockema |
| 2 Shannon Withers | 20 Joyce Slopsema |
| 6 John Ryan Hibler | 21 Florence Dahinke |
| 11 Janeen Jensen | 24 Anthony DiFabio |
| Emily VanderWaal | 27 Barbara Lammers |
| Bethany VanderWaal | 29 Seth Fisher |
| 12 Janet Burkenpas | |
| Philip DiFabio | |



Thank you for all school supply donations and monetary donations for Tools for Schools. ...*The Deacons*

We want to thank everyone at Lafayette CRC for making us feel welcome when we visited a few weeks ago! Thank you also for your prayers and financial assistance for our mission work! As we start our work in Trujillo, Peru, having a community of love and support means so much to us! Please visit our blog at <http://busschertravels.blogspot.com> if you would like to stay connected with our mission work. Thank you again, Lafayette CRC, for your support! ...David & Courtney Busscher

Eric Braman, grandson of Lois and Al Hainje, would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards that were received during Eric's rehab at Walter Reed Army hospital. Eric was discharged from the hospital on August 6th. Eric served in Korea, Iraq and in Afghanistan. He has been at Walter Reed for the past eleven and 1/2 months. Eric was a member of the 101 First Airborne Division out of Ft Campbell, KY. Eric will soon be discharged from the army after his 6 years of service. With his newest prosthesis, he will again begin his life back in Lafayette. Thanks again to everyone.

The Communications Team is compiling a new phone directory for 2011-2012. Whether you have contacted the secretary previously or not, please update any contact information that may have changed in the past year.



****If all goes as planned, this year we will also be adding pictures to our annual phone directory. The pictures do not have to be professional; casual and informal pictures at family gatherings, reunions, vacations and sporting events are welcome. Please email the picture to secretary@lafayettecrc.org by September 15th. If you are unable to email your picture, please leave on the secretary's desk in an envelope with your name on it. All pictures will be returned.****



Remembering 9/11



MINISTRY TEAMS: Review

Minutes from recent team meetings highlight ideas, plans and actions of the teams. Some are being considered, some are pending Council approval and some have already been accomplished. The following is an effort to keep the congregation informed of the much appreciated team work.

Minutes from August 9, 2011:

- ◆ Council approved motion for new church website. Changes will be submitted as needed.
- ◆ Education Team is looking for teachers, a Sunday School Superintendent and GEMS leader.
- ◆ Council would like to update wedding policy for non-members. Therefore, all non-member wedding requests are on hold until further notice.
- ◆ Fellowship on the Farm will not take place at the Dahnke farm this year; Fellowship Team is in planning stages for replacement activity.
- ◆ Congregational informational meeting to be held after the service on September 18th.
- ◆ Council will begin meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month so Pastor Jim can travel home earlier on Tuesdays.

TRANSITION TEAM: Pastor Jim Busscher (TL), Bernie Smit, Jane Bennett, John Hibler, John Withers, Veronique LeBlanc

- ◆ New Teams were discussed and formed:

Mission and Vision Team: Bernie Smit (chair), Jane Bennett, John Hibler, Veronique LeBlanc, John Withers

Small Groups Team: Tom Fisher (chair), Sheila Fisher, Joyce Hanstra, John Withers

Pastoral Selection Team: John Hibler (chair), Dale DeYoung, David Fisher, Matt Jonker, Veronique LeBlanc

Church Properties Team: Steve Jonker (chair), David Bart, Robert Dahnke, Jean Plantenga, Robert Plantenga, Greg Veldman

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: Dale DeYoung (TL), Steve Jonker, Margaret Keizer, Jane Bennett, Joyce Hanstra, Sally Curwick

- ◆ Reviewed new website draft from Matt Jonker. After discussion and various changes/updates, team approved. Steve will present to Council for approval.
- ◆ Phone directory is being compiled; deadline approved is September 15th.

BUDGET REPORT



Year-to-date Financial Obligation at the end of August, 2011		
	Lafayette Christian Reformed Church	Tuition Support for Lafayette Christian School
Total 2010-2011 Budgeted Obligation	\$ 189,009.12	\$ 18,945.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenses	31,501.52	3,157.50
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	31,415.64	
Year-to-Date Amount Received	\$ 31,793.61	\$ 3,157.50

Congregation Informational Meeting
September 18th
immediately following
the service!

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RETURN SERVICE RE-



September

**Worship Each Sunday
9:30 a.m.**