

## **November 1, 2009 Letter**

### **Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus!**

I have some exciting news to share regarding a leading of God in our youth programs. As some of you may already know, many folks have been praying about developing our youth ministries in some way. The struggle we have run into is that those dedicated youth leaders who have been spending hours each week planning and organizing classes, programs, and activities...simply need some additional support, kind of a point person who is called by God to lead youth programs.

So, we felt led to develop just a part time youth activities coordinator position, something that would offer additional program leadership yet remain within the ability of the church to support. A job description was designed, the name of a young man came to the front as someone who had worked in youth ministry and was interested in sharing those gifts and talents at Grant Reformed Church. Contacts were made, two extensive interviews were conducted, references were contacted, and Dustin Fant was considered by your Consistory to be an excellent fit. Dustin and his wife, Miriam, both work in education, live in Rockford, have already visited the church, and are excited about becoming part of the youth programs. They plan to return on Wednesday the 4th to meet with the youth, then again Sunday November 8 for a more "official visit." Please plan to welcome them and enjoy their enthusiasm and love for young people.

This is such an exciting time for our church! Thank you for the prayers, the encouragement, and the support you've shown to our youth – they are our future and the investments made now towards their lives of faith will return in wonderful ways as the months as years progress. In that growth of faith, all praise and honor will go to Him!

In Christ and for His glory, Pastor Mik