

November 2009 Newsletter

A Word from Your Pastor

First and foremost, a humongous Thank You to this marvelous church family that has welcomed Polly and me so totally and wonderfully. We have been so incredibly blessed by your kindness, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness. How great is our God that he should grant us such a precious new family of brothers and sisters in Christ?

Second, as I type this, it has been exactly one month since I first sat at this desk and started serving Grant Reformed Church. That time has flown by and each moment has been such a blessing, such a privilege, and I praise God for the wonder and honor of it all.

Third, as many of you know from the pictures shown on the screen a few weeks ago, Polly and I have five children and all of them are doing well. Terri, the oldest, is working at Michael's Café in Ludington and spends a lot of time running to and from son Steven's sports activities. Rosanna, is working at Mason County Central Middle School as a Counselor and is also in the last half of a Master's program in Child and Family Counseling. Matthew, our civil engineer, is working for Flora Craft Industries as a computer technologist – it is almost scary how much he knows about computers, systems, and their potential! Nathaniel is in Japan, teaches English at the equivalent of a public school, but works with ages pre-school through adult. David, our mechanical engineer, is working at a firm in Mattawan (near Kalamazoo) that designs electrical components for the automotive industry.

Lastly, please know that my love and prayers follow every church member throughout each week. As well, those prayer times also cover friends of the church who have experienced some struggles in their lives. And always, I pray for our local churches and just ask our Lord God to bless us with hearts **to** love by having hearts **of** love.

Thank you, again, for your commitment to Jesus, to this church family, and to this community. And thank you, as well, for the prayers offered on behalf of Polly and me – they are valued, appreciated, and needed!

By His grace and joy,

Pastor Mik