

# 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Matters

August 22, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

If the irises of my eyes look a little pink these days it may be because I am relishing in eating an abundance of tomatoes from my garden. Some say "All things in moderation" but this time of the year when it comes to my homegrown Black Russian tomatoes I regularly and eagerly overindulge for about a month. The Psalmist (19:10; 119:103) figuratively likens the Word of the Lord to being absolutely delicious. Consider that when you savor a favorite food.

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, August 26

Pastor MacLeod will be preaching from Mark 9:30-50, "Discipleship Training." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Crossroads Prison Ministries.

## Our Church Family:

Our sympathies to **Bev and Dirk Kolk** in the death of their 15 month-old great grandson Eric Zerlaut. There will be a funeral service for him tomorrow at 11 AM at First CRC.

**Harry Nieboer**, in dealing with a fair amount of pain and discomfort, is being cared for at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility. Pray for peace in his body and mind.

Give thanks with **Brittany and Case Ryzebol** who celebrate the birth of Brian Randall Ryzebol this past Sunday evening.

Please pray for our GEMS girls and leaders who are at the West Michigan GEMS camp this week through Friday. The GEMS campers from Second CRC are: **Kate Mellema, Ava Krohn, Brynna Barnhart, Kendall Barnhart and Yvonne Boeskool** as a counselor. Pray that they will have a safe, fun, and meaningful week discovering more about their faith!

## Special Moments Group Picnic, August 23

Our summer picnic will be Thursday, August 23, at 11:30 am. We will be meeting at Maartje's lake house located at 6915 Wilcox Ave for lunch, games, and a boat ride. Please call Karen Haveman at 616-710-1164 to RSVP or to arrange a ride to the picnic.

## All Church Potluck

As we near the beginning of the church school year, let's celebrate by eating and fellowshiping together. Reserve Sunday, September 9 for an all church potluck. Everyone, members and guests, are invited. If your last name begins with A-K please bring a cold dish. If your last name begins with L-Z please bring a hot dish. Please bring generous portions so there is plenty for everyone. Everything else including rolls, drinks, dessert, table service and paper products will be provided. We will eat in the basement fellowship hall as soon as the church school classes dismiss around 11:30. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts.

## Student Ministries Room Rearrange (or "Pardon our Dust"):

Starting September 9, many of our Student Ministries will be meeting in new rooms, and all of our programs (including the infant nursery) will be meeting in the basement. During this transition time we ask that you bear with us as we repaint walls, move furniture and redo signage. If you have any questions, please feel free to come talk with Zach Van Wyk.

## Calling all Musicians:

Do you like playing an instrument, or singing in a group? Are you interested in being part of our Sunday Morning worship team? If you are considering joining our worship team please come talk with Pastor Doug or Zach Van Wyk about your interest.

## Kids Hope

Last year there were 24 people from Second Church involved weekly with the Kids Hope program: 12 mentors and 12 prayer partners. What an example of Jesus in skin in our public school system. Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child this year? You will never regret the time you spend with that child each week. We would love for you to join the Kids Hope team- see Ann Pell for details.

## **Faith Promise – Mission India**

There is a profile of the newest Mission India church planter 2<sup>nd</sup> CRC is supporting through Faith Promise at the end of today's 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Matters. Please pray for Birsa and for those he's reaching for Christ.

## **Stock the Pantry!**

For the month of August, the Deacons request macaroni and cheese and tuna/canned meat for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

## **CoffeeBreak/Story Hour needs YOU!**

1. Pray that the staffing needs will be filled: leaders and childcare staff needed.
2. Prayerfully consider whether or not you can free up your schedule to be involved as a leader or childcare staff. Call Julie Baker #928-0184 as soon as possible for questions and to indicate your willingness and availability to be involved.
3. Invite your neighborhood women and children to attend with you this fall.

## **Community**

### **Wellspring Adult Day Service**

Are you caring for a loved one at home with memory loss or other health concerns? Could you use some rest, help and support? Wellspring is a safe place where you can bring your loved one for the day. Please contact Tammy Cowley at 231.638.8786 for more information on our adult day service.

### **Transitional Health Services Car Show**

On Thursday, August 30, from 1pm-3pm Transitional Health Services (4554 W. 48<sup>th</sup> Street) is hosting an Old Fashioned Car Show featuring the Port City Model A Club. People are encouraged to bring their own old car, or just come for a free hot dog and to check out the cars!

### **GriefShare**

We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare group. This 14-week course offers help and support to those who are grieving. A new session will begin on Thursday, September 6 from 6:30-8:30pm and runs on consecutive Thursdays with an open-door policy. There is a \$10 fee for a personal workbook which will assist you on your grief journey. We look forward to walking with you on your journey from mourning to joy! Sessions will be held at First CRC, 721 Hillcrest Drive, Fremont. Registration with our church (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning but not required. For additional information about the program, you can check out the website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

### **Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read**

"The Bible is like a lion, Spurgeon claims, so you must not spend too much of your breath describing it, defending it, or arguing about why it should be believed. Instead, he urges you to put your energy into simply preaching it – into actually exposing people to it in its clearest and most vivid form. The extraordinary power and authority of the Word will become self-evident." -- Timothy Keller, *Preaching*, p.46

## Church Planter Profile

*"Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations..."*



### Birsa Topno

Age: 28

Marital Status: Married

State: Jharkhand

District: Khunti

People Groups in the area:

Munda, Teli, Ghansi, Turi

### My Testimony:

I was not born in a Christian family. I worshipped trees and stones. I was very naughty and disobedient. In 8th grade my friends received Christ as their Savior and invited me to a meeting. I heard about Heaven and Hell and it touched my heart. I realized that I am a sinner and confessed my sins and received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I was baptized and even through life's ups and downs I have stood firm in my faith. Please uphold me and my ministry in your prayers. I have a vision to see churches planted.

[Ministry details on back]



### Pray for your church planter

Read Colossians 1:1-14 and pray as Paul prayed for the church planters there:

**Pray for the church planters** (and their families), that they may be filled with knowledge and spiritual wisdom and

**Pray for their ministry**, that they may lead a life worthy of the name of Christ, bearing fruit in every good work.

**Pray against hardships**, that they may be strengthened and have patience to endure opposition and