

2nd's Matters

May 1, 2019

From your Youth Director's Desk

Spring is such an interesting time in Student Ministry - from attending sports games and concerts, to celebrating seniors and ending programs well, at times it can seem like there are a lot of things to do and not quite enough time to do it in. At the same time, I'm being reminded that spring is exactly the perfect time to celebrate all of these things and the busyness of the season.

Each Easter I like to remind students that Jesus declared "it is finished" from the cross, which is the word in the original Greek (τετέλεσται; tay-tell-es-tie) that would be used to mark a bill as paid. τετέλεσται says that all things that come after this moment are a new creation, it is something different than it was before. So each spring we get reminded as the grass turns green, flowers bloom and the snow eventually goes away, God invites us (through the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection) to celebrate that all things can be made new. It's my hope for students that as they start to be overwhelmed by all of the games, concerts, graduations, summer jobs and everything else that weighs on their minds, τετέλεσται can be a breath of fresh spring air for them and a reminder that God promises to walk beside us through every season of life.

Sunday Worship, May 5

This Sunday we will welcome Rev. Nate Kooistra from Reeman CRC who will bring us a message from Leviticus 16:1-22, "Bad News for the Goat. Great News For All of Us!" This month's communion service will be served in the pews. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Western Michigan Christian High School.

Congregational Meeting, May 15

The 105th Annual Congregational Meeting will be Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM. The agenda and budget information was placed in mailboxes last week.

Our Church Family

Pastor MacLeod is on vacation this week. Next week, for continuing education, he will be attending a pastors conference at Regent College in Vancouver, BC.

Former members of Second, **Bill Kolk and Vi Dummer** passed away last Monday. Bill's funeral is tonight at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in Coopersville. Vi' funeral is Friday, May 3 at Church of the Living Christ in Fremont.

Events

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2

You are invited to join with other fellow believers on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2 at noon, as we turn to the Lord and seek his face and his hand of blessing in a time of prayer for our country. This year's community-wide National Day of Prayer observance will be held at American Decency Association, 203 E. Main Street, in Fremont. Bill Johnson will lead the time of prayer, area residents will also take part, and students from Cornerstone Christian Academy and Fremont Christian School will minister in music.

Second Sunday, May 12

Have you ever wondered what it is like to play in the NFL? Plan now to attend May's Second Sunday in the sanctuary following the worship service on May 12. Joe Berger, a retired NFL player, will be speaking. Joe grew up in Newaygo and will share how God led him into his career and guided him through it. A nursery will be provided.

Parents of Graduates

Check your email inbox for a message regarding the annual graduation celebration booklet. Please respond by May 8. Photos can be emailed or dropped off to the office.

Website Updates

Over the next couple months the council, staff and ministry teams will be working towards launching a new and updated church website. As part of this update we are planning to have a photographer take photos of worship, coffee time, the building and our student ministries on May 19. If you prefer not to have a photo of you or your child used on the website please be sure to let the office staff know by email or phone.

Outreach Committee Request:

Vera Hansen will be on furlough from her mission work in Germany and staying in Fremont May 14 – June 11. We are currently seeking assistance in finding temporary housing for Vera during this time. If you would be willing to open your home or know of someone that would be willing to welcome Vera for all or a portion of this time please contact Tyler Cook or Bette Wagenmaker

Stock the Pantry:

For the month of May, the Deacons request dried rice, pasta, and spaghetti sauce as donations for the TrueNorth food pantry. Please consider helping families in Newaygo County by donating to the pantry.

Community

Mother's Day ad

Newaygo County Right to Life will place an ad in the Hi-Lites on Mother's Day honoring those whose names are submitted. If you would like to include someone in the ad, place their name on the list on the literature ledge in the lobby of the church and place \$2.00 for each name in the envelope. Be sure to write the name in the In Honor of or In Memory of section.

Love, INC

We are looking to add 'Knee Walkers' to our medical equipment inventory. If you could let your congregation know of this need it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our office if you do have a donation that you could provide.
Love INC of Newaygo County, 11 W. 96th St, Newaygo, MI 49337
231.652.4099 Email: info@loveincnewaygo.com



Zach Van Wyk, Youth Director - A Quote From a Book I'm Reading

"Sooner or later we'll all be tempted to believe that our best days are behind us. We'll measure ourselves more by what we can no longer do than by what we still can. We all feel washed up and washed out. But the fig tree challenges this expectation, too. One of the beauties of the fig is that, once planted, the tree will continue to produce fruit for 80 to 100 years. That's Christ's vision for us: that we will continue to yield the fruit of Christlikeness and find our satisfaction in him long after gray hairs sprout and crow's feet nestle near our eyes."

- Taste and See, Margaret Feinberg p.67

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