

2nd's Matters

May 29, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk

Recently I was being refreshed in the Pacific Northwest visiting our daughter and her family and in attending a pastor's conference at Regent College. While out there I stopped in the town of Lynden, Washington where my father pastored Bethel CRC for three years in the 1960's. The janitor kindly let me in the building and I found the no-longer-used Consistory Room in the basement. On the wall of that room are the photos of their previous pastors, including my dad, with a little nameplate affixed, "F. MacLeod, 1965-1968." I am now more than twenty years older than my dad was when he had that picture taken. Since the framed portraits were under reflective glass I angled my camera to take a picture of the photo with my face reflected in the glass over my dad's shoulder. I thought it was a pretty cool form of a selfie. I intended it to be an artistic reminder of our family's years of ministerial service in the CRC but my daughter suggested I submit it to a website that collects awkward family pictures! I think her grandpa would have laughed at that.

Ascension Day Worship, Thursday, May 30, 7:00 pm

The Fremont area CRCs are gathering for worship on Ascension Day, May 30, at First CRC with Pastor Les Van Dyke, of the Reeman CRC, bringing the message. The offering will be for Back to God Ministries International.

Sunday Worship, June 2

This coming Sunday we will commission our new elders and deacons, Pastor Doug will be preaching from Hebrews 11, and we will share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our offerings will be for our General Fund and for the Christian School Education Fund.

Events

Kids Hope

Last week Kids Hope wrapped up its program for the year with a party at Lewis Farms. 14 children, 14 mentors and 17 prayers partners were involved on a weekly basis since October. Academics improved, friendships blossomed and deepened and 14 children were shown that someone truly cared about them every week. Check out the bulletin board by the drinking fountain this week and see who has been involved. A sincere thank you to Second Church for sponsoring and supporting this program!!

Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraiser, this Friday, May 31, 6-8 pm

Jeremy, Ashley, and Evan Luchies, and Hailey Nieboer will be part of a group going on a mission trip to Guatemala in September. A taco bar and silent auction will be held Friday, May 31, 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall at Second CRC. Feel free to see Ashley for more information.

Fremont Young Life's 7th Annual Golf Outing, Saturday, June 8

It will be held at Water's Edge Golf Course. We would love to have you join us as we play 18 holes of golf and celebrate 45 years of Young Life in Fremont. If you are interested in signing up a team there is more information available on the literature ledge, or feel free to ask Zach Van Wyk any questions you may have.

Faith Promise Sunday, June 9

Sunday, June 9 is Faith Promise Sunday. We welcome Rev. Kurt Selles who is the Director of the CRC's Back to God Ministries International and has been in missions his entire ministry, including many years in Taiwan and China. Our Faith Promise brochure and pledge cards were put in mailboxes on May 15. We encourage you to prayerfully consider a pledge amount and return your pledges in the collection plate. Our goal for 2019 – 2020 is to receive a pledge total of \$35,000 which would allow us to financially support each of our 7 missions with \$5,000 a year.

Stock the Pantry:

For the month of June, our Deacons welcome donations of soup and crackers. Donations to our food pantry are distributed to families in Newaygo County through TrueNorth Community Services.

Community

Western Michigan Christian High School

Sign your child up for summer sports camps at Western Michigan Christian High School. Camps include basketball, soccer, and volleyball. Click on the link for more information <http://www.wmcSPORTScamps.com/>

Western Michigan Christian High School is looking for an Administrative Assistant. We are looking for a master multi-tasker with excellent communication skills, one who works well with teens, and has a genuine love for the Lord.

To be successful in this position, the candidate should be proficient in Microsoft Office, Google Docs and Google Sheets, have strong keyboarding skills, and able to handle daily office operations.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Samuel Greer, Western Michigan Christian High School, 455 East Ellis Road, Muskegon, MI 49441 or they may email the information to pastorgreer@wmchs.net.

Down East Boys concert, June 9

Ferrysburg Community Church (CRC), located at 17785 Mohawk Drive in Spring Lake, is hosting a concert featuring "The Down East Boys" on Sunday, June 9, at 6 PM. Come and enjoy an evening of great Christian music from a group that has had two #1 songs in the last eight months. For more information, please call the church at 616-842-3880 or the Schaafs at 231-206-2964. A free will offering will be taken at the concert.

Father's Day ad

Newaygo County Right to Life will place an ad in the Hi-Lites on Father'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.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"It can be a habit of some to not only have a compartmentalized view of themselves in light of the gospel but to also have a compartmentalized concept of discipleship. Where the entire goal of discipleship in our church communities starts to only be about teaching men and women how to walk free from the loud shouts of their broken sexuality but forgets to teach them how to quiet all the other noise that the flesh makes. Christ did not die to redeem us in part. Neither did he rise so that we might have life in portions."

-- Jackie Hill Perry, *Gay Girl, Good God*. p.101

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