

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

May 8, 2019

## From your Youth Director's Desk

Last night I spent a couple hours at the Fremont JV Baseball and Softball games. It was a good night for ball and it was a good night to connect with students, see former students who are home on college break and watch a Packers win. In some ways the rhythm of high school sports is a comfortable cycle of familiar experiences. Summer sports camps give way to fall sports and cold nights at a football field which lead to winter sports and a packed gymnasium followed by spring sports and cool evenings at the diamond and then the cycle starts over again. I think there can be something sacred about the rhythms that we find in our lives.

One of my favorite rhythms happens in worship services when we get to the Song of Gratitude. This part of the service is a favorite because it is a rhythm that stretches me. To be filled with gratitude for what Christ did we first have to deal with the fact that we did something that requires that kind of selflessness and if we are honest, we all like to think that we can't really be that bad. It's a hard truth to struggle with but that is what makes it so special. It's at least a weekly reminder that despite all the errors we make, Christ is the all-star pinch hitter. No matter how bad the top of the inning goes we know that in the rhythm of the game we always get a chance to bat.

## Sunday Worship, May 12.

This Sunday we will welcome Rev. Tim Alicki, a pastor in the Reformed Church in America, who will bring us a message from John 5:1-15, "Who, me?" Our offerings will be for the General Fund and World Renew.

## Stock the Pantry:

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## Our Church Family

This week, for continuing education, **Pastor MacLeod** is attending a pastors conference at Regent College in Vancouver, BC.

## Events

### Second Sunday, May 12

Have you ever wondered what the real world is like 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.

### Congregational Meeting, May 15

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

### Church Potluck, Sunday May 19

On Sunday, May 19 we will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness through another church year by enjoying good food and fellowship in the basement fellowship hall. Everyone is invited! If your last name begins with L - Z, please bring a main dish. If your last name begins with A - K, please bring a side dish. Please bring generous portions so that there is plenty for everyone. Rolls, drinks, dessert, and paper products will be provided. We will eat at 11:30 following the completion of the church school classes. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts.

### Guatemala Mission Trip Taco Bar Fundraiser, May 31

Jeremy, Ashley and Evan Luchies, and Hailey Nieboer will be part of a group going on a mission trip to Guatemala in September. This fundraiser will be held Friday, May 31, 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall at Second CRC. The event is free but donations are welcome. Feel free to see Ashley for more information. There is a team of 20 going from Fremont (including our 4). Funds from this fundraiser will be used for a family fun day at the feeding center in Guatemala. There will be a silent auction. Donations welcome!

## 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

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## Community

### 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](mailto:info@loveincnewaygo.com)



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

"As we share the gospel with our teenage friends, we get to tell them the truth. We get to show them that crying SOS isn't just a shout of surrender but a declaration of victory. We get to create safe spaces for them to wave their arms like a drowning child and scream, "save me."

But we also get to share with them the even better news that *Hosanna* no longer just means *save me*. It now means *salvation has come*. And we get to tell them that salvation has a name. His name is *Jesus*."

-Drew Hill, "Alongside" pg. 11.

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