

2nd's Matters

July 24, 2019

From the Youth Pastor's Desk:

The last two weeks I've had the opportunity to walk alongside students on the trails of North Manitou Island, sail in the waters of Pelican Lake and have a front row seat to the life changing story that is the gospel. Summertime is one of the most exhausting seasons of student ministry because of all the work it takes to plan for summer trips, the energy these trips consume and then need to recover from them; at the same time I think that summer ministry is some of the most rewarding time in student ministry. I wouldn't trade my experience this summer for anything.

The last two weeks at Young Life camps we've talked a lot about the life of Peter - we looked at how he was called, we examined the times he fell short, we lamented the times he denied Jesus, we rejoiced at his sermon on Pentecost and celebrated his leadership and encouragement of the early church. For our students, and for me personally, it was very convicting that Peter (a person who seems to make mistakes constantly) was the exact right person in Jesus' mind to lead the early church - despite the ways that he might have messed up. It was a good reminder to us that when Jesus looked at Peter - even at the moment of his third betrayal - He not only saw who Peter was and is but also who Peter was to become. What a comfort to these students (and all of us) whose lives are so filled with brokenness and doubt. God doesn't look at us and see our shortcomings - in God's eyes we are seen as His children, made perfect in his love. It is my prayer that through Young Life, FYSH and Second CRC people can be reminded that God, through Jesus, doesn't only see the brokenness of our lives but they see the wholeness we receive in our personal relationship with God.

Lord may your love overcome all of our doubts, fears, worries, jealousy and insecurities today. May we be known as people who love others well because you first loved us. Amen.

Sunday Worship, July 28

This Sunday we will welcome Pastor Mike Wissink to preach for us. Pastor Wissink is a Commissioned Pastor in the CRC who serves as the Chaplain of Ferris State University Campus Ministry in Big Rapids. He will invite us to hear from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, with a message, "Matters of the Mind and Heart." Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and TrueNorth's Tools for School.

Congregational News

Christian Education Fund Meeting, July 28

At the end of our church fiscal year, the Christian Education Fund had a deficit of over \$30,000. Because of this, the Christian Education Fund committee has informed the council that they did not meet the mandate requirement for the Christian Education fund to continue for the upcoming school year. We would like to have a conversation after our worship service July 28 to discuss our various options for this fund and how we should proceed. All church members are encouraged to attend following the worship service.

Portico Construction

Please use the mid-level door on the east side of the church for entering the church during the day when the office is open while the portico construction is going on.

Stock the Pantry:

When school is out, many more families make use of the TrueNorth food pantry because of the children not getting many of their meals from the school. Please consider donating extra food items during the summer months either to our pantry shelves or at TrueNorth. For the month of July, our Deacons welcome donations of cereal, pancake mix, and syrup.

Community Events

Fundraiser for Dan Ward, Sr.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 26 to help with expenses for Dan Ward Sr. (Lisa Deur and Dan Ward Jr's father). Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 500 Iroquois, Fremont. The benefit will include a silent auction and prizes along with music by DJ Tim Bitson of Sounds R Us. For more information or to donate, call Lisa Deur (231-250-5664) or Dan Ward Jr. (231-557-5010)

Bible League

Have you cleaned your cupboards & closets lately? Newaygo County Bible League International is sponsoring a GARAGE SALE on August 8 & 9 at 605 Country View Lane, Fremont. DONATIONS NEEDED! Drop off times are Monday, August 5 from 1-6 p.m. and Tuesday, August 6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or contact Joyce Milner 924-2426/email: jtosmilner@gmail.com or Jessie Rose 923-2231/jarose@ncats.net Also: If you would care to bake, we will sell cookies, muffins & breads at the sale. They may be dropped off at the above times.

Inspire 2019, August 1-3

This is a conference to connect people from across the 1000+ churches in the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation; August 1-3 in Windsor, Ontario. Find out more at www.crcna.org/inspire.

Western Michigan Christian High School

WMCHS is looking for a High School Boys Head Track and Field Coach. The job requirements:

- Support the mission and vision of Western Michigan Christian School
- Build Positive relationships with athletes
- Plan and implement the basic fundamentals of track and field
- Coordinate appropriate practice plan for boys track and field
- Communicate and interact with parents, students, and staff while modeling good sportsmanship
- Provide an atmosphere where student athletes are challenged spiritually, athletically, and academically
- Follow all MHSAA rules in and out of season while maintaining MHSAA coaching requirements for varsity athletics

Qualifications: Track and Field Coaching experience at the high school level or higher and a willingness to mentor student athletes in their Christian faith.

Please contact the Athletic Director: Kurt Gruppen (mrguppen@wmchs.net) if you are interested in applying.

Zach Van Wyk - Lyrics from a Song I've Been listening to

"I won't be, I won't be defeated / I won't make, I won't make the same mistakes / I can't change, I can't change whats been done / but all I know is I won't be defeated / No, I won't be defeated by you" - *Defeated* by Wolfgang Maximilian from the ep *Rustic*

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