

"Second Wind"

There is a phenomenon known to athletes and to people who have to exert themselves in work settings called, "second wind." It is the sensation of a kind of breaking through and catching ones breath even though a person is exerting themselves pretty hard. Now, to be sure this does not occur in activities or sports that require an all out effort like sprinting or continuously lifting something very heavy because those systems metabolically are known as anerobic ones that cannot get rid of the by products from the massive amounts of energy that are dumped into ones body during explosive, maximum exercises.

The second wind is more a function of steady exercises where increased respiration rates, heart rates, dilation of veins and capillaries increases the flow of blood enriched oxygen to muscles while respiration, sweating and increased circulation are also ridding the body of consumed energy by products and also helping to cool our bodies temperature.

In addition to this the body also produces and releases endorphins which are natural pain relievers during exercising. So, the circulation of these cellular and physiological functions gives the sensation that you are catching your breath or your "second wind" during moderate exercise. This is the metabolic phenomenon that allows people to continue on past the point of initial exhaustion. It is sort of a renewed energy.

The Apostle Paul is writing to the church at Corinth for a second time in II Corinthians. His first letter had many strongly worded admonishments, advice, and instructions in it. In II Corinthians 7:8-10 Paul acknowledged that his first letter caused the Corinthians sorrow, but it was good sorrow that lead to repentance. The Apostle himself was also discouraged and worn out by the conflicts in and with the church at Corinth not to mention his remaining ministry work. II Corinthians 1:9 states, "Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God, who raises the dead." In chapter 4:8-9 he says that we were, "Hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

In the midst of challenging times Paul was experiencing renewed strength and with it hope. Sort of a "second wind" if you will, to carry on the Lord's ministry in such difficult times. We need such a "second wind" to move forward in our service to God following the pandemic and all the social and racial tension in our society.

This new series beginning on July 4, 2021 will be a timely one for us. Please be sure to be here as we seek our "Second Wind" from God in the next number of months.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Darrell L Nelson

Seeking God Through Worship!

Worshipping through music is one of the most powerful ways in which we connect directly to the Father. When we worship, we enter into direct contact with our all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing Heavenly Father. It is in our worship that we become aware of His glorious riches and his never-ending love for us, and we can praise Him for that! God makes his presence known to us so much that we are filled, and His power is manifested in us!

The book of Psalms is filled with exhortations to worship. Psalm 95:1-3 says, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God the great King above all gods". We were created to worship our Creator; we see this in countless passages; one that comes to mind is Isaiah 43:21 "The people I formed for myself, that they may proclaim my praise." When we sing His praises, we place Him on the throne of our hearts and posture ourselves in a way that allows us to surrender and be filled with his perfect peace.

All too often in life today, we see Christians engage in worship with an undesire to truly worship. God is not prideful or insecure because of this; however, He is simply after a heart in true communion with Him. While He loves us in our authenticity and inauthenticity, He wants and deserves hearts that are open to praising and worshiping Him entirely so that, in return, we are completely satisfied and fulfilled by Him! Whether or not you have encountered God's presence in worship, God wants to and is drawing you close to Him! He continually pours His love, grace, and Spirit onto you and a challenge for all of us to receive Him, allow the Spirit to work, and respond with a heart that is ready to worship God freely and fully!

In Christ, Crystal Taylor





MISSION KIDZ!

"Partnering with families to help children discover Jesus and learn how to live for Him"

Mission Kidz! is a ministry for children 6 weeks through 4th grade.

Mission Kidz! is currently being dismissed during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services for children ages 2½ years old through the 4th grade. Our Large Group Leader will be meeting the children by the MMC doors to walk them down to the classrooms.

A nursery is provided during the 10:00 a.m. service for children ages 0-2. During the other services, parents are welcome to bring and watch their own children. Video of the services will be livestreamed into the Mom's room.

July Bible Lessons

July 4-August 1, the children will remain in the service. We will provide activity packets for each child and we will all enjoy the Children's Messages each week. Beginning August 8, children will be dismissed to Mission Kidz! from the Worship Services just before the sermon.

Nursery will continue throughout the summer for children through 3 years of age.



We had 131 children come to **Vacation Bible School** and 20 children who made decisions for Christ! During the week, \$1,639.49 in offerings was raised to help impoverished areas of Haiti. A special thanks to all the volunteers for making such a great week happen!

Our children are collecting an offering to support our World Vision Sponsored child from Nicaragua, Itza Jahaira Rivera Mercado.

World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian organization. They partner with children, their families, and communities to help them reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.



Yearly Goal: \$500

Offering total so far for 2021: \$318

Prayer Request

Please be in prayer over the recruiting process as many volunteers for the fall are needed. We hope to relaunch Mission Kidz! at full capacity in September.

Financial Update

General Fund Actual Income through **May:** \$229,581 General Fund Budgeted Income through **May:** \$243,350

General Fund Actual Expenses through **May:** \$211,269 General Fund Budgeted Expenses through **May:** \$226,213

General Fund Actual Surplus through **May:** \$18,312 General Fund Budgeted Surplus through **May:** \$17,137

Missions Fund Actual Income through **May:** \$51,901 Missions Fund Budgeted Income through **May:** \$43,165



All men are invited to join us for an hour of Bible study and Christ-centered fellowship every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION KIDZ!

Current Schedule: During the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, Mission Kidz! is offered for ages 2-4th grade.

Nursery for ages 0-2 is staffed for the 10:00 a.m. Service.

Did you miss Mission Kidz!?

No Worries...
A recorded session of Mission Kidz! is
available online each week.





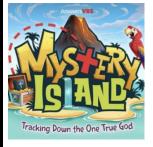


August 7th "One Big Day", (MUUUCE) 6th grade – 9th grade

August 22th Tubing Party

August 29th Archery Tournament

More details online https://www.missioncovenantchurch.org/ youth-ministry



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Quarterly Membership meeting on July18 at 6:00 p.m.

Please let us know if you would like to attend virtually.

info@missioncovenantchurch.org

July Sermon Schedule "Second Wind"

July 4: "Complete Comfort"
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

July 11: "A God-Given Defense" 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

July 18: "A Loving Act of God" 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

July 25: "Faithful Ministry" 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Servies are In Person and Live Streamed Online

Join us for **PICKLEBALL** at Mission Covenant Church. In June we will try to play on the outdoor courts in Lake Nebagamon. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at church. This is an



extension of our SAM Ministry, but all adults are invited to play. We have the equipment – so come out, join the fun and bring a friend!

Monday & Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



& YOUNG ADULTS

Bible Study for Young Career Adults & College Age Students

Sunday, June 27-August 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall Led by Bob Coleman

A bible study for young career adults or college age students. We will be covering topics like, knowing God's will for my career, relationships, and how to minister to people at school and work. Everyone is welcome.

Golf Outing

Mark your calendars for another golf outing on Saturday, August 28 for both men and women at the Poplar Golf Course at 3:00 p.m. We will golf 9 holes followed by a steak dinner. The cost in \$30 for all including a cart. Sign ups coming soon.



When: August 7, 9:30 am-6:00 p.m. Where: Minnehaha Academy, MPLS

Who: Youth Entering 6-9th Grade

Cost: \$50.00

Register by JULY 21:

Form on church website to print and submit to office

https://www.missioncovenantchurch.org/youth-ministry

There will be a Welcome Carnival, massive group games, experiential worship stations, practical & relevant teaching by Greg Speck, awesome worship, middle school food & more! Most of the day will take place outdoors, with a final indoor session.

Mission Covenant Family Camp

Friday, July 30-Sunday, August 1 All-Church Picnic on Saturday, July 31

Everyone is welcome!

Come for a day or the whole weekend to Covenant Park Bible Camp in Mahtowa, MN! Sign up at the Welcome Center Bulletin Board. Contact Wanda Paulsen, Becky Bourque, or Michelle Kephart with any questions.







Womens Retreat
Save the Date: September 11-13





CPBC Registration open!

Coupon Codes

POP100 (\$100 off full-week camps) POPDAY (\$15 off day camp) POPMINI (\$50 off mini camp) POPADV (\$50 off adventure camp)

Camp Dates for 2021

June 27-July 1: Trailblazer (grades 4-6)

July 7-9: Mini Camp (grades 2-4)

July 11-16: JH/SH (grades 7-Grad)

July 7,8,9 Day Camp (grades 1-3)

July 18-23: JH (grades 7-9)

July 25-30: SH (grades 10-Grad)

August 2-4: Adventure Camp (grades 4-6)

August 9-13: Backpacking (grades 7-12)

Other Covenant Park Activities

July 30-August 1: Mission Covenant Family Camp

September 11-13: Women's Retreat

The SOS food share program serves 100 families per month. It occurs the second Saturday of each month. The next SOS will be July 10th. Volunteers are needed each month from 10:30 to 12:30 to help clean up and set up chairs. Help is greatly needed to provide this support to this ministry. Please contact Curt Puttonen 715-919-0372 to sign up.



In Him, Curt



Associate Pastor Search Committee Update

The Associate Pastor of Worship position was posted the second week of June. The position is posted on the Mission Covenant Church website, with the Evangelical Covenant Church, and at area seminaries and Bible colleges. Prior to the posting, we have received a few inquiries about the position but were not accepting any applications. Now that the posting is officially up, we will be accepting applications until September 15, 2021.

The complete job description and desired qualifications are available by viewing the posting at www.missioncovenantchurch.org. Applicants are asked to submit a resume and one-page cover letter expressing why they think they should be considered for the position.

Our next step as a Search Committee is to consider the questions we will ask of potential candidates and to also consider and prepare for the questions they might ask of us about our congregation. We anticipate the interview process to begin later this summer.

As you remember the Search Committee in your prayers, please ask the Spirit to guide us and grant us discernment, unity, focus, and patience. The short months of summer are a busy time; pray for God to protect and sustain us in this work. Please also be in prayer for the body of Christ at Mission Covenant Church and for those in leadership during this interim period.

Submitted by,

Laura Wolden
Pastoral Search Committee Chair laura.wolden@gmail.com



The Search Committee for our Associate Pastor of Worship has started meeting to begin the process of finding our new Associate Pastor.

Please be in prayer with us as we are on this journey together.



Righteous Rabbit Trails.

A Sunday conversation group

O LORD, LISTEN TO MY CRY; GIVE ME THE DISCERNING MIND YOU PROMISED." PSALM 119:169

What is in a name? I chose the name "Righteous Rabbit Trails" to describe the type of discussion group I would like to see develop. Throughout my time as a Christian and in ministry, I have led many Bible study and topical study groups. Many of them used a well-defined curriculum. The studies had a linear aspect moving along in an orderly fashion to a predetermined end. Occasionally the group would get off track, and the discussion would focus on something, perhaps related, but all-together different from the plan for that meeting. I call these diversions "Rabbit Trails." Over the years I have noticed that often when we have been on these "Rabbit Trails," God is at work in the heart and mind of someone seeking an answer to one of life's big questions. I think it is exciting to be a part of a group when God is at work and someone takes a step closer to being at home with God, so the whole point of the group is to get at the questions and fears that hinder the development and deepening of your faith and its application to life today.

Where do you turn to find the answers to life's big questions? Sadly, for most of us the first place we turn is Google. Sometimes we never even get to the big questions because our media and the academy have already told us what the answers are. But I would point you to Phillippians 2:12 where Paul tells us to "continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling." Ultimately it falls to each of us to find the answers to life's big questions for ourselves. So what do we do?

When I was in seminary, there were a number of Methodists studying with me. Have you ever wondered where Methodists got their name? That's right, the Wesley brothers developed a method to find the answers to life's big questions. This method based its teaching on four sources as the basis for finding truth, God's Will. These four sources are Scripture, tradition, reason, and Christian experience, with Scripture above all else. If you ask, very few Methodists know anything about the method. But, there is something to the method, so I propose we use it to find those big answers. I need you to reason with me, to share your understanding of the tradition of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the greater Church, share your Christian experience and pour over the Scripture with me.

Each week we will have the opportunity to respond to and dive deeper into the morning's sermon, while it is still fresh on our mind. We will also be able to move the discussion in a direction that will scratch your itch. Most of all we will be able to enjoy the presence and power of God. Remember, Matthew told us in his gospel chapter 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

I hope to see you Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Pastor Zach Crosby

MISSIONS



Hello!

Just like that the year is over. Duluth summer is fully underway! Here's a little bit about how the semester ended and what I'm up to this summer.

World Changers Developed!

Every spring comes the worst part of my role as a campus minister. We have to (or get to?) say goodbye to graduating students. It's so bitter sweet. Michael Magambo (top) is the last UMD student that remembers me as a student leader when he was a freshman. He has faithfully led our Black Campus Ministry Chapter through thick and thin. It's been such a joy to watch him grow into the man of God he is today. Michael received a degree in Marketing Analytics and is going to be a financial advisor in the Twin Cities. I met Rana (bottom) in my first year at Scholastica and was able to come alongside her as she caught a vision from God to start athletes ministry at CSS. She has boldly led the Nordic Ski small group at CSS. Rana is a great teacher, communicator, and natural leader. She received a degree in Exercise Science and will be attending the U of MN - Twin Cities PT program in fall of 2022 after she gets married (to another IV alumni from Michigan!) this summer. Both Rana and Michael have said that God's work in and through them in InterVarsity has been one of the most significant parts of their college experiences. I'm so grateful to have been a part of it and for their leadership on campus! Join us in prayer for Rana & Micheal as they transition into what God has for them next.





Chapter Leaders Retreat

Right before finals week we were able to get all of our core leaders from UMD together (in person!!) to encounter God together, discern what God might be inviting us into this fall, and to dream. This day and a half was the most time we'd all been in the same room all year long and it was like a breath of fresh air to share meals outside, to pray, and to dream in such a proximate way - so much more of this to come!



God is doing a new thing in our students! This year has grown and challenged them, but we've also seen God break through so much in our small group ministry. Almost half of the students involved at UMD identified as non-Christian or some form of curious-but-not-sure-Christian-ish



- that means our chapter was basically just leaders, apprentices, and non-christians this year! There's such great expectation in our leaders as a result of this year to plant small groups this fall from the seniors to our new freshman leaders. Please pray for our leaders at UMD as we plan over the summer for ministry ahead!

This summer!

On the family side of things, Claire, Gideon, and I are going to a few weddings (my brothers included!!), Claire has gotten her work into a couple larger art fairs in the area (if you're at the Grand Marais Art Fair, look for our booth!), and we'll be enjoying some time-off with family and friends too. We're also closing on a house near campus come July! We're truly maximizing every minute of the Northland summer!

On the ministry side of things, I'm currently helping to onboard our newest InterVarsity Staff in the Twin Ports, Taylor Grimsbo! Fun fact, Taylor and I met during welcome week our freshman year! Taylor is a bold evangelist, a passionate communicator, and our strengths complement each other so well. I'm so excited to have her on campus this fall and to get to learn about developing new staff!



I'm also reading Pete Scazzeros "Emotionally Healthy Discipleship" this summer both for myself and it's influence on some of our discipleship plans for the fall - highly recommended. Lastly, the North Area team is doing a Ministry Partnership Development (MPD) "sprint" for the month of July together raising support for our own accounts as well as chapters and area accounts. Stay tuned for more on our sprint in my next emailed newsletter coming soon.

Thanks for being a part of all this & I'll be in touch soon!!

For the Kingdom!

Max Lemp InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA Campus Staff Minister Duluth, MN

Corrections and additions to the June "Connection" article about MCC and TEAM

Errata: Village Covenant Church is in Azusa, CA



Mrs. Bach died in 1928. She was never at Bethany. Grandpa Bach first came to Bethany in 1928

Responses to the June article: Barbara Peterson Krieger forwarded the connection to several persons with these results.

Barb, I can't thank you enough for sending this newsletter. It made my day! I Was having a hard day and this just changed the tone of my emotions.

Barb (Lowell) Johnson

T.J. Bach was on a MN country road on his way to my grandparents' farm when my dad and I (a young child at the time) met him. He gave me a small box of candy from my uncle, Hugo Johnson, who was serving with in China with TEAM

at the time. I shared the candy with my siblings, but kept the box! About 50 or 60 years later, my housekeeper, whose mom was from China, saw the box in my China cabinet and asked about it as he recognized the box from his childhood!

Yes, TEAM and the Covenant Church have a long history. JoAnne (Johnson) Gamelle, Covenant Church of Warroad, MN

Tom's essay is wild! I knew most of the names involved, but not Kevin's prior connection. I remember my dad talking about the Bach's but I don't know if I ever met any of them. We know several TEAM missionaries who visited central Minnesota churches.

When Phyllis (Johnson) and I went to New Zealand in 1997, Margaret Waldin asked Phyllis to get in touch with her Japan missionary colleague who lived there. As we visited in the hotel lobby, I asked the lady if she knew anything about a carved bear. (When Phil Staurseth and Erik Larson helped Margaret move into the highrise in Superior, Erik admired this carved bear and Margaret gave it to him, saying she couldn't take everything with her and would enjoy knowing that he appreciated it. I gave him a hard time that it couldn't have come from Japan as there were no bears there. So now back to NZ.) The lady said, "Does Margaret still have the bear?" She had bought it when they were vacationing together on the north island, and yes, there are bears on Hokkaida! So Erik's bear had an even better story.

Rev. Margaret Larson, Two Harbors, MN







LIBRARY LINES

JULY 2021

Summer reading time! Do you like to relax with a mystery? We have series for younger and adult readers to enjoy. For kids, we have the classic Mandie series (Lois Gladys Leppard) and the Sugar Creek Gang by Paul Hutchens.

The Red Rock Mysteries is a series about 13-year-old twins who keep running into adventure.



A few series on the adult shelves: For the less squeamish, we have the Bug Man series by Tim Downs. Nick Polchak is somewhere on the spectrum, and a forensic entomologist. You've probably seen a CSI show where someone tells how long the victim has been gone by the size of insects near the remains. I you like this style, you have six volumes to enjoy. The Ivy Malone series by Lorena McCourtney draws a page from Miss Marple's book, with a senior citizen intrepid detective. The Drew Farthering series by Julianna Deering is in the English manor cozy mystery style with a little romance thrown in. These authors are all listed to help you search the shelves and dig into a little detection!

Sharing One's SurplusSaturday, July 10



We will continue our SOS Foodshare distribution the same as we have the past 3 months with *ONLINE PURCHASES- see link below* and it will be a *DRIVE THRU ONLY service*, where guests will stay in their vehicles and shares will be brought out and loaded into your vehicle by our volunteers.

This process will be as follows:

- DRIVE THRU ONLY format so PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES.
- You will be directed where to line up your vehicle.
- Please ONLY arrive 10 mins before your online registration time slot.
- Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end when all shares have been distributed.
- While you are waiting in line, our volunteers will come to your vehicle to confirm your online registration and put a 1/2 or full sign under your windshield wiper.
- When prompted you will pull your vehicle up the side church doors and volunteers will bring your share(s) to your car and load it into your vehicle.
- PLEASE HAVE **YOUR TRUNK EMPTY AND READY TO RECEIVE THE BOXES** CONTAINING YOUR SHARE. Some things may be boxed, but you should also have an extra empty tub or two in your trunk.
- THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN; however, you may use the restroom.

In light of the current situation, we will be carrying out this distribution with considerably fewer volunteers. Please be patient with this process as we strive to follow CDC guidelines while we help our community to stretch their food budget during this critical time. We are hopeful that with a little patience and understanding we can make this a safe and successful distribution for those that participate.

Link for online purchases which will only stay open until 12pm Friday! https://eventsframe.com/e/tZ94lrs7C/mission-covenant-church-sos-food-share/

Blessings, Your SOS Foodshare Volunteers

Dear Church Family,

Several months ago, the Church Council approved the creation of an electronic directory for our parishioners. The new electronic directory is hosted by, "The Instant Church Directory Online." This program allows us to access our churches directory online via phone app and home computers. We can also print hard copies for those who would so desire. The site is secure, password protected, and only authorized directory participants of Mission Covenant Church can access it. You can share as little or much information as you want about yourself/family.

Information you can share;

Name(s)

Home address

Email address

Phone number

Photo (you will need to email photo the Church office)

Birth and anniversary dates

The advantage of an electronic directory is you can update your information instantly. If something changes it can be updated quickly so the directory stays current.

We understand that some people may want to be included in the directory and others are not interested. So, we are asking that you let the church office know your participation preference & information from above that you want shared. Please contact us via email at, info@missioncovenantchurch.org or call the office 715-364-2738

The administrative team is working hard to be accurate with all the information entered into the directory, but it will require you in phase two of this rollout, to check **your profile** for accuracy and make necessary updates.

What is next?? Please contact church office with your participation preference and the information you would like shared in the directory as listed above in bold.

Thank you, MCC Electronic Directory Team



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