

News from KCC

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KCC Reaches out with 2:14 Program



Kaylin Severance, Jaelyn Teboe, Spencer Rabourn, and Scott Severance move brush at Northside School Project

Sunday at exactly 2:14 pm Senior Minister, Andy Bratton led a prayer prior to mobilizing over 20 volunteers into the community for the first month of the new 2:14 program

The name "2:14" comes from James 2:14 "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

"The concept with 2:14 is to encourage our members to get involved in structured service projects in our surrounding community, putting their Christian faith into practice by helping out our neighbors," said Associate Minister, Tim Severance.

Projects in August included:

- Helping re-shingle 2 homes in Kalkaska & Fife Lake
- Landscaping the former Northside Educational Center
- Handyman work prepping a new home for a family
- Pruning flowers in town

Each month will bring with it new and various projects. "I can see a lot of snow shoveling and clearing in the winter months," said Severance.

The next 2:14 Community Outreach is scheduled for September 25th at 2:14 pm in the church parking lot. There's no age or gender restrictions - just show up ready to lend a hand!



Sunday Morning Sermon Series!

KCC Kids Cooking Camp

By Sara Blasko, Children's Ministry Director



At the end of July, We had our first KCC Kids cooking camp. I love a program that serves more than one purpose and gives the kids some hands on bible lessons and

helps apply them to their everyday life. I was so blessed by our volunteers for the camp. Lisa Bratton helped with all of the shopping, planning, and making cookbooks for the kids to take home. Deb Zolen, Linda Crawford, Jan Aten, and Korena England helped with the stations, and Jana Dickman came in for an onion chopping lesson. I was pleased to have 22 kids sign up for the camp. Of those 22 there were only a handful of KCC kids, so we had quite a few kids from the community. Not only did they spend two days learning how to cook, and assemble meals, but we had some downtime to do devotions, learn to look up verses in the bible and learn to pray.

During our prayer circle time, I was surprised at how many kids weren't comfortable praying. We talked about it beforehand and I explained how easy it is to pray. We are just talking to our heavenly Father. I gave examples of things that they could pray about. We talked about how nothing is too small for God. After our pre prayer talk, I thought we would have a lot of kids "pass" on praying. They were all talking about being nervous and scared. I told them that it's ok to be nervous, but its good to try things that help us grow. As they went around the circle and prayed I was shocked when 20 of the 22 prayed out loud in front of their peers. They were an amazing group of kids with huge hearts.

One of the lessons we did was based on <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u>. New International Reader's Version (NIRV) - The Sheep and the Goats

"The Son of Man will come in all his glory. All the angels will come with him. Then he will sit in glory on his throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate the people into two groups. He will be like a shepherd who separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep to his right and the goats to his left.

"Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, 'My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was created. I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.'

"Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. 'Lord,' they will ask, 'when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you needing clothes and give them to you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'You are cursed! Go away from me into the fire that burns forever. It has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry. But you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty. But you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger. But you did not invite me in. I needed clothes. But you did not give me any. I was sick and in prison. But you did not take care of me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not help

you? When did we see you as a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and not help you?" "He will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. Anything you didn't do for one of the least important of these, you didn't do for me.' "Then they will go away to be punished forever. But those who have done what is right will receive eternal life."



We made our meals for Grandmas and Grandpas in our community. They weren't necessarily "needy", they weren't starving, they weren't all sick, but they were an example of our neighbors and friends that would enjoy company. Many of the people questioned why they were chosen to receive meals and my answer was that we wanted to bless them.

The vision for this camp was always to have 2 generations collide and to share God's love. I was so moved by some of our visits. I loved going out to Jean Thornburg's house and listening to her tell the kids stories about the old church building, and the kids were blessed by a visit from about 4 hummingbirds. At Fuzzy and Carol Guy's, they got down on the living room floor and prayed with the kids, and committed to praying for them on the first day of school, and were treated to some ice-cream bars.

I am not good at taking pictures... I'm too much of a live in the moment person (at least I use that as my excuse) But there are pictures of this cooking camp and our visits that will forever be imprinted on my heart. If you think you have nothing to offer anyone, and no way to serve, you are wrong! Visit someone in the hospital, go see someone who lives alone and is lonely, feed someone who is hungry, and remember that whatever you do for them, you are doing for the Lord.



Fall Life Group sign up has started!

New to KCC or not sure what a Life Group is? Life Groups are small group Bible studies meeting in people's homes centered around Sunday Sermons from KCC. Taking a cue from Acts 2:42-47, Life Groups enjoy a meal together, fellowship, study, & prayer. Life Groups begin meeting the week of Sept. 11th. Sign up for a Life Group!

Volunteer of the Week

Kids Cooking Camp!

"Thank you so much for preparing the meals for us. It was so thoughtful and we truly appreciate it. The meals were very very good."

-Dale and Jean Lantzer

"Thank you so much for the frozen dinners. I have eaten the veggie soup, It was awesome"
-Edie Wooden

These are a couple of the Thank you cards that the Kids from the



KCC kids cooking camp received after delivering meals. Not only did the kids spend 2 days cooking and preparing meals, but they also spent time delivering the meals and visiting with senior citizens. Thank you kids! You have shown that even if you are young, you can still serve others and be an example of God's love! I'm very proud of all of you! ~ Sara

Kid's Cooking Camp

FAMILY STUFF is <u>THIS SUNDAY at 11:00am</u> in the Lower Level for all kids Kindergarten through 5th Grade & their parents!



Have you ever been to the circus? The circus can be a fun experience. But have you ever watched the circus through the eyes of a child? How they suddenly point to the sky as they notice the courageous men and women who walk, skip, and even ride bikes three stories above you on the high wire. They inch their way out onto the wire and for what you hope is only dramatic effect they bobble and tinker on the wire only millimeters from losing their grip.

The audience collectively gasps and your child grabs you and whispers "Are they going to fall?" You reassure them that of course not, these guys are pros. They won't fall ... you look up at the wire praying you didn't just lie to your kid. They finish their routine and the audience goes wild! Nothing like a daring trip to the circus to experience what it means to trust.

The performers trust that the wire will stay tight, their legs will stay strong, and their toes won't let go. And the audience trusts that the performer will expertly complete

their routine and not give anyone the opportunity to explain, "that's why we don't have a high wire in our backyard." Whether on the high wire or in life, trust is important. If we don't trust, we might miss the opportunity to watch God show up and do what only He can do. Throughout the Bible we see different people who have put their trust in God in the midst of some unbelievable circumstances.

Abraham picked up everything and moved his entire family to a new home and a new life following God. Elijah trusted that God would send fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice after it had been over-saturated with water. Even Jesus trusted God's plan when He humbled himself and gave His life for us on the cross. Putting our trust in God and the people He's put in our lives isn't always easy. That's why we're taking the month of September to see what God says about trust.

We define trust like this: putting your confidence in someone you can depend on. There's a phrase we often say around here, "I can trust God no matter what." And it's true; we know that God is that Someone we can depend on. Our own understanding can have a way of getting us in trouble sometimes, especially when life doesn't turn out exactly how we'd want or expect. That's why it's important that our trust is grounded in God, His love for us, and His willingness to do whatever it took to have a relationship with us.



As we read through all the examples of trust throughout Scripture to find the best stories to help kids unpack this idea of trust, we kept coming back to one guy in the Old Testament, Joseph. After all, his entire life was built on his trust in God's faithfulness. Joseph found himself in some of the craziest situations throughout his life, yet time and again Scripture tells us that Joseph trusted God and found hope in Him. So each week this month, we'll take a closer look at Joseph's life and discover something about how we can trust God and the people He's put in our lives.



Our Memory Verse is **Proverbs** 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding," (NIrV). It's easy for us to choose our own path, but it's not always best for us. When we trust in God, He'll give us the best path for our lives.

In Genesis 37 and 39:1-2, we discover that Joseph was his father Jacob's favorite. He gave Joseph a colorful coat, which made the rest of his brothers extremely jealous. On top of that, Joseph told his family about his dreams where they bowed down to him. Eventually, they sell Joseph into slavery and lie about it to their father. Though Joseph

was alone in a far-away country, he chose to trust God.

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you. Kids may have time when they feel like no one is with them or on their side. Although they feel that way, Someone is looking out for them. We pray that kids come to realize that God is always with them.



Upcoming Events



The Titus 2 Women's Mentoring Group <u>meets next Tuesday</u>, <u>September 6th</u> in the Lower Level here at KCC.

We will start with dinner at 6:00pm followed by a lesson, discussion, fellowship and prayer.



Register Here

We Have canoes and kayaks available. Meet at the church building at 12:45pm & depart at 1pm. Depart W. Sharon/Thayer Rd Public Access 1:30-2:00pm. Pull out at Sandy Banks Access on Dutch John Rd 5:30-6:30pm. Bonfire, cookout & devotions at Sandy Bank 6:30-7:00pm. Return to town around 8:00-8:30pm. We can make arrangements to deliver youth to their homes. Call Dean Farrier at 231-620-1798 for more info.



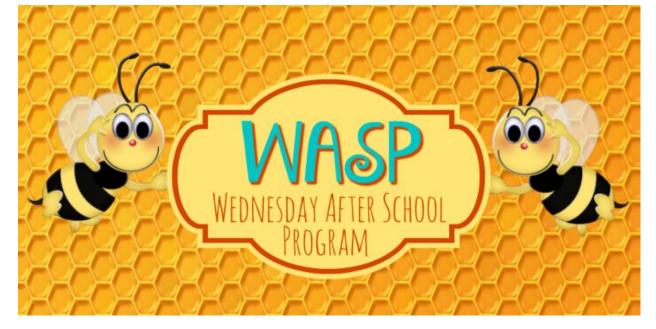
9/11 15 year Memorial Service Sunday, September 11th 8:30 - 9:30am

Railroad Square (Downtown Kalkaska near the Trout)

Come join us to remember the fallen heroes.

Please park in the Municipal Parking Lot.

Contact Kevin Crawford at 258-8625 with questions.



We are going to be buzzing with fun at KCC on Wednesdays!

WASP - KCC's Wednesday After School Program for all kids Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet right after school until 5:00pm. There will be snacks, games, homework help, Bible lessons & Life Apps! WASP starts Wednesday, September 21st. Please click here to register your child today!

This Sunday - September 4, 2016

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Faith Training for Preschool through Adults
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 11:00 AM Family Stuff in the Lower Level for kids Kindergarten 5th grade & their parents!



Check out kccwired.com for a full list of upcoming events!



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