### Things You Should Know!

Connect Cards can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Fover and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

Prayer Requests can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

Church Directory App is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

#### **Weekly Gatherings:**

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM Kids Service: Sundays Both AM Services Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM

# **Upcoming Events!**

July 23: Ice Cream Social will be at Norm's in Fruitport from 6-7PM. We hope to see you there!

July 31: Mini Golf Scramble will be at the Bat n' Club to support the Bridge Builder's (formerly NCRC) at 6PM. \$15/person with teams of 4-6 people. Price includes 18 holes, ball and club, plus games throughout the course. Contact Pastor Sarah at 231-769-2323 or nazcrc@gmail.com to sign up.

August 12: Amplio - This is a conversation on living an intentional life of faith. This will be at 6:30PM in classroom 101 off the Gym. Sign up in the Welcome Center or by emailing Pastor Aaron at aaron@connectionpointmi.com.

August 13: Ice Cream Social will be at Norm's in Fruitport from 6-7PM. We hope to see you there!

August 20: Whitecaps Game - It's bulletin night at the Whitecaps game! If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Matt or sign up in the Welcome Center. Tickets will be \$8-\$10 each. This is a 6:35PM game time.

Goodie Bags for Shut-Ins -The Finish Well senior adults ministry will be collecting items for these bags, such as lip balm, small notepads or puzzle books, pens, travel lotions, snacks, etc. These items can be left in the classroom off the gym. The bags will be assembled and delivered on July 25 at 10AM.

**Garden Help!** - The garden is looking for volunteers! Days and times vary. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you are interested in being contacted as needed.

Food Pantry donations are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.



## **Further Reflection for 7/21**

- 1. What was the first car you learned to drive in? Did it have bad blind spots?
- Read John 9 in its entirety. What about this story sticks out to you? Do you resonate with the blind man who is healed, or more with the Pharisees who think they see clearly?
- 3. The topic of sin and disability come up throughout this chapter, and Jesus regularly points away from the idea that disability is a punishment for sin and in the process reshapes our thoughts on sin as merely a broach of moral conduct. He, instead, adds a dimension to sin, that it is the active denial of Jesus as Lord, ignoring the Light of the World. How does Jesus' understanding of sin change your own outlook on the topic? How does his reminder about disability reshape our thinking about punishment and consequences?
- 4. The Pharisees were more concerned with their own preconceived thoughts and beliefs that they miss the truth of Jesus. Have there been times when you've been closed off to new information/ truth? How do you combat being closed off or legalistic when it comes to faith, politics, and other dialogues.
- 5. Jesus makes the point that the Pharisees are spiritually blind because they are more concerned with the right beliefs over a life in relationship with Jesus, transformed by Christ. How do we as Christians balance the tension of right belief and also a life transformed in relationship with Jesus?
- 6. What does it look like for you to stay open and humble? How are you continuing to grow spiritually and learn more, so you continue to stretch your thinking? Are you engaged in a community of believers who mentor and hold you accountable?



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