

The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, June 6, 2010

FROM DAVE'S DESK...

Everybody won!

On Memorial Day—in one of the most memorable games I've been a part of—everybody won.

The sides were evenly divided. Each team had only one player. The crowd was small too—only three or four family members gathered to watch. But each fan cheered enthusiastically as the left-handed pitcher delivered the plastic waffle ball to the right handed hitter gripping his large barreled yellow plastic bat.

The young batter had some genetic and practical advantages. His dad played college baseball and had gone on to coach high school varsity athletes. Now he gave his own son time-honored advice of every coach. “Keep your eye on the ball! Wait just a little longer to swing!”

The pitcher—a “south-paw”—carefully aimed the ball toward the small strike zone. Time and time again the batter swung—and missed! The fans didn't give up—they just cheered with more intensity!

Finally, the sharp staccato of bat on ball and everybody cheered even more loudly as the white sphere sailed over all of the fans heads. Not surprisingly, no one was happier than the pitcher who had located the pitch in just the right spot!



What made this ball game such a complete victory was that while the young batter was only 4 years old, the pitcher was his 90 year old great-grandfather. The batter for whom everyone cheered was the not-quite-ready for kindergarten, Jakob Chapman. Peter Breen, a little shy of his 91st birthday, was the pitcher. Peter, stiffly but successfully, retrieved all the balls that landed in the grass near his feet. Jakob successfully connected for the games winning hit.

Eighty-six years separate these two ball players. But a love for baseball unites them.
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But on a day when the rain washed out the famous Jenison Memorial Day (a.k.a. "candy") parade, nothing will ever wash away either the memory of a dad who loves Jesus far more than baseball and the joy that my grandson is learning to love Jesus in that same way.

Eighty-six years separates Peter Breen and Jakob Chapman. I'm so thankful the promise of eternal life unites them! VICTORY!

Pastor Dave

Today's Rising...

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: *Wake Up, My family: Wake Up my Family's Communication*

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4: 17-32

Sunrise Schedule for this week...

Today:

Children's Change for God's Church will be collected this morning.

Children's summer worship time will be held this morning.

All graduates will be recognized during the worship service.

Monday:

Board of Elders meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Grace Bosma's home.

Wednesday:

Co-ed Softball Game – 7:10 p.m. at Sunrise Park.

Thursday:

Dance Practice – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the church office.

From the Board of Directors...

The offering collected on May 30th was \$2,075. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of May are: Budget \$20,990, Actual \$17,221. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,729. The Board of Directors wants to thank you for your continued support of Sunrise Ministries.

Summer Children's Program...

Thank you to Leah DeYoung and Darlene VanKampen who have organized a special summer Children's Program for ages 3 – going into 2nd grade. This program is called: *Splash! Jump! Dive! Into God's Word!* It will run today through August 22. The lessons will focus on Bible stories that deal with water - starting this Sunday with *Living Water (Jesus being baptized)* and ending August 15 with *Jesus is our Anchor*. A splash party (fun arts and crafts, games and candy) will be held on August 22. Please sign up (by the information table) to help out – you do not have to teach, just be an extra set of eyes and hands!

Our Church Family...

- Congratulations to Audra Bennett and Mitch Brummel who will be married this Saturday, June 12.
- Congratulations to Peter VanKampen and Kendra Stock who will also be married this Saturday.
- Congratulations are extended to Sammie Love and Craig Gurr, who have become engaged to be married.

Donut Sponsors...

Thank you to CSM Services (owned by Mike Herrema) for sponsoring donuts for the month of June!

Co-ed Softball team...

The co-ed softball team plays this Wednesday at 7:10 p.m. at Sunrise Park.

Sunrise Vacation Bible School...

Summer weather has hit and so has the detailed planning of this years VBS! Keep the dates of July 12-16 available for your family, as we can use lots of volunteers! This year's theme is Jerusalem Marketplace, where the Bible will come alive as each participant is engaged in Bible time themes and activities while learning about the walk of Christ. There will be detailed lists of ways you can help next week Sunday. Meanwhile, check the information table for further details and continue to pray, asking how God will use you in this very important week of ministry to our kids. Any questions feel free to contact Rachelle at 616-662-1330.

Food Distribution on June 26...

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday morning, June 26. There will be a food distribution truck in the parking lot of Allied Mechanical from 9-11 a.m. and Sunrise volunteers will be needed to pass out food to those in need. More details and sign up to come soon.

Words for Wellness...

Good news ladies....eating dark chocolate can have health benefits! It can help to lower blood pressure, lower bad LDL cholesterol, inhibit blood clots, and reduce stress hormones. Enjoy your chocolate!!

Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse



Birthdays this Week

Tuesday – Liz Holwerda, Lindsey Nieuwkoop

Anniversaries this Week

Today – Sid & Liz Holwerda

Saturday – Paul & Barb Erffmeyer;

Happy Wedding Day on Saturday to Audra Bennett & Mitch Brummel and to Peter VanKempen & Kendra Stock.

Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

Trailer Transportation:

Today: Doug Gelder

Next Week: Tim Koorndyk

Refreshment Servers:

Today: Mark & Cindy Schreer

Next Week: Todd & Christy Hultink

KidZone:

KidZone and Little Lambs programs are finished for this school year.

Thank you to all who volunteered!

Greeters:

Today: Gayle Golenbiewski and
Susan Staal

Next Week: Tom & Lisa Beuschel

Nursery Care:

Today: Kim Wallinga and
Mike Eling

Next Week: Rachelle and Jessica Gelder

Want to know more about Sunrise? Our website, www.sunrisemin.org, is loaded with information about our ministries. You'll be able to explore our mission and vision, learn more about our staff, download audio and video clips, and scan past editions of the *Rays*. Bookmark it and check back often!

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