



# Storm

# Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

November 5, 2009

### From the desk of Principal Mark Luckey

Eddie Boersma died last week at the age of 97 1/2.

That means nothing to 97.5% of you, but it means a lot to me and anyone else associated with YMCA Camp Pentalouan in Montague. When Stacy and I were camp counselors together at Camp Pentalouan in the mid-80s (yes, another camp romance), Eddie was working at the camp at the ripe old age of 72. To a 21-year-old like me, he seemed ancient already then! He was so filled with energy that when he hiked with the kids (which was often) we all had a hard time keeping up with him! I was amazed to return to the US last year and find out that Eddie was still alive, and in fact had been involved with the camp until he was in his mid 90s. What a blessing he was to so many over his 60+ years of selfless work with young people!

Eddie's life reminds me of the message of John Piper in his book "Don't Waste your Life." I'll let him summarize: "Consider a story from the February 1998 edition of Reader's Digest, which tells about a couple who "took early retirement from their jobs in the Northeast five years ago when he was 59 and she was 51. Now they live in Punta Gorda, Florida, where they cruise on their 30 foot trawler, play softball and collect shells." At first, when I read it I thought it might be a joke. A spoof on the American Dream. But it wasn't. Tragically, this was the dream: Come to the end of your life—your one and only precious, God-given life—and let the last great work of your life, before you give an account to your Creator, be this: playing softball and collecting shells. Picture them before Christ at the great day of judgment: "Look, Lord. See my shells." That is a tragedy. And people today are spending billions of dollars to persuade you to embrace that tragic dream. Over against that, I put my protest: Don't buy it. Don't waste your life."

Eddie Boersma didn't embrace that tragic dream, and I don't want to embrace it either. Though I'm still far from retirement, I can see even now how easy it is to get caught up in myself and my own needs. We are blessed to be surrounded at Providence by countless people who have chosen to spend their lives wisely, investing their time, energy, and money into God's Kingdom; people who don't see retirement or wealth as opportunities for selfish gain, but as opportunities for investing in others. To all of you, I say thank you for not wasting your lives, but instead, like Eddie, making a difference in the lives of so many. Those of us

looking on are inspired by your selfless devotion to God, his people, and Christian education.

### Chapel Highlights

Last Friday, we worshiped God together through scripture and song. In continuing our focus on our communication with God, we practiced saying "I'm listening" to God. After singing "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path," we listened to God's Word through the reading of Psalm 19. In it, the Psalmist talks about hearing God's voice both in the beauty of creation and in the purity of scripture. On Tuesday, Pastor Jim Kuiper came to speak to us. He is the pastor at First Christian Reformed Church in Fremont. He talked about the voices we hear and listen to everyday. In particular, he focused on the voice of advertisers. Advertisers constantly try to grab our attention and make us listen to them. We need to be careful, though, not to buy into the false sense of inadequacy the advertisers try to get us to believe. And we have to be careful not to buy into the idea that material things will fix our inadequacies. This is the voice of Lady Folly, as referred to in the book of Proverbs. We need, instead to listen to the voice of Lady Wisdom. She tells us that we are loved by God no matter what our inadequacies. Unlike the material things offered by Lady Folly, Lady Wisdom offers us God's grace and salvation. And God's grace and salvation will, in fact, fix our inadequacies.

### Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 6	Sat. 7	Sun. 8	Mon. 9	Tues. 10	Wed. 11	Thu. 12
No School	Auction		Girls' BBall Practice Starts	Fall Athletic Banquet 7:30 p.m.	Art-In Veterans Day	
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### Long Range Forecast

- Nov. 6 Professional Development – No School
- Nov. 6 End of first Quarter
- Nov. 7 Auction Dinner and Silent Auction 5:30 p.m.  
Live Auction 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Fall Athletic Banquet 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 Art-In
- Nov. 19 Shadow Day TBA

## Storm Tracker

### Sports Schedule

- Nov. 7 Cross Country State Meet @ Brooklyn.  
 Nov. 7 Quiz Bowl Away Tippecanoe Academic Challenge.  
 Nov. 9 Girls' Basketball Practice Starts. Girls must have physicals on file before practice begins.  
 Nov. 14 Quiz Bowl Away Holland High School.  
 Nov. 16 Boys' Basketball Practice Starts. Boys must have physicals on file before practice begins.

### Score Board

#### PCHS Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Nov.4	PCHS 25,	Pentwater 17
	PCHS 22,	Pentwater 25
	PCHS 25,	Pentwater 16
	PCHS 23,	Pentwater 25
	PCHS 12,	Pentwater 15

#### PCHS Cross Country

Oct. 31 Nick Vanderkooi placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Regionals last weekend. He will compete at the State Meet Saturday, November 7 in Brooklyn.

#### Quiz Bowl

Nov. 3 Congratulations to the quiz bowl squad for their superb performance last night on WKAR's QuizBusters television show at Michigan State University. Our team defeated New Lothrop High School by the score of 490-70.

Kira Visser played her best game of the year and helped lead the team to their 420-point victory over New Lothrop. Also playing significant roles in last night's victory were Michael Pell, C.J. Miller, Amy Knuver, and Matt Hale.

The quiz bowl team presently is undefeated on 2 different TV shows.

### Fall Athletic Banquet

The fall athletic banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m here at PCHS. This year we will be having a pig roast. All family members of fall student athletes are invited. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table settings to go along with the main course. Drinks will be provided.

**Thank you to the Karnemaat family for donating the pig.**

### Winter Sports Schedules

Schedules for the basketball seasons will be available at the Auction on Nov. 7, or online via the PCHS website. Click on Sports Schedules and News and this will take you to HighschoolSports.net which hosts our sports schedules. View current calendar or click on season, put in specifics and click go. This will allow you to print a full size calendar.

### Family Season Pass

If you haven't purchased a family season sports pass, we still have them available. Please contact Mr. Warner @ 924-9780 ext. 12. Cost are \$100.00 per family.

### PCHS AUCTION IS SATURDAY!!

Tickets for the Chicken BBQ are still available. Dinner and silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the live auction at 7:00 p.m. You may buy tickets for the dinner from a PCHS student, or purchase one the night of the dinner. The cost will be \$5 for students 10 and under, and \$8 for adults. Where can you buy a good dinner for that price?

Please **consider signing up to help at the auction.** We have many opportunities and shifts for you to choose from. Call the office today!!! We are also looking for people to come in on the morning of Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to **help clean the kitchen and set up for the auction.** If you are willing and able please call Mrs. Stitt in the office at 924-9780 to sign up.

**You still have time to donate to the auction.** If you have an item, or a service to donate please get it in to the office as soon as possible. The auction booklet is available to print online at [www.pchsmi.org](http://www.pchsmi.org). It is being updated often so be sure to check back now and then for new items and sponsors. A complete auction booklet will be available the night of the auction.

### NCCS Annual Art-In

On Wednesday, November 11, 2009, our students will have the opportunity to go to the NCCS annual Art-In. This year the Art-In will take place at the newly renovated, beautiful Camp Newaygo. The artist is Zdzislaw Sikora from Center For Creative Studies-we will be doing printmaking with a press, (his name is pronounced geeswaf!) The plan is that each Newaygo County High School Teacher will be able to bring 7 students. I encourage students to talk to me if they are interested, first come - first go! I also encourage students to bring sketch materials as we may have time to go out to the Wetland Trail to draw from nature. As always, students will need be responsible for any assignments or information that they will be missing in their classes, so they will need to check with their teachers. This is always a great opportunity for PCHS students to experience art brought to them by a professional artist. If you have any questions on this trip, please call or talk to Mrs. Bart.

### DUTCH KITCHEN NEWS

NOVEMBER 7, 2009 9:00 AM —1:00 PM  
 Plan to attend the 47th Annual Dutch Kitchen for Fremont Christian! There will be plenty of Dutch baked goods and crafts. Something for everyone!!!!

### Cornerstone Academy's Annual Fall Bazaar and Crafts

Saturday, November 14  
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 - Hundreds of Craft Items  
 - Christmas Items  
 - Baked Goods