



Update on Envision

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Envisioning what God can do in Whatcom County

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Trainings and Musings

The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- in Whatcom County
- especially through Summit discipleship houses
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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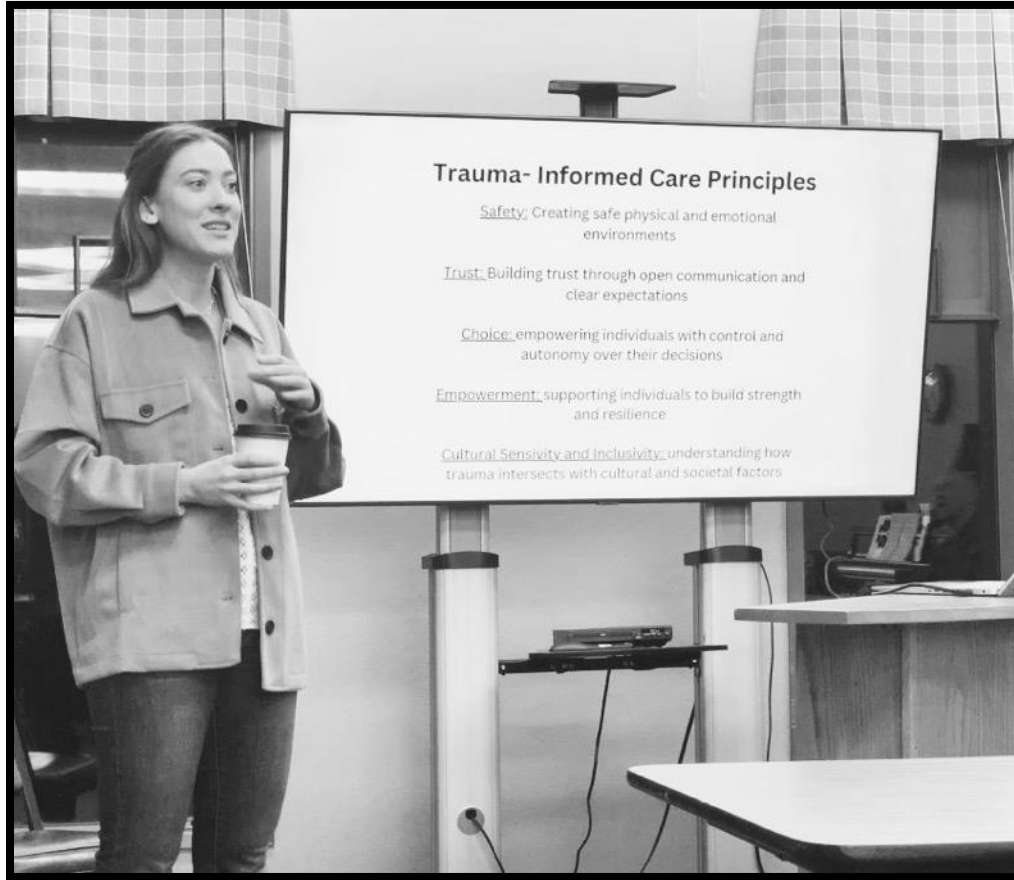
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Our **trauma workshop** at Second Christian Reformed Church **blessed those who came with understanding and hope.** Kara Veldman (pictured below) shared about the work of our friends at En Gedi Refuge and brought her perspective as a trauma therapist to the table for us to learn. Many attended and interacted with the presentation, which we include in a link



below:
<https://youtu.be/FMILzEMeDZQ> If you would like the power point of the presentation check out our Summit website link: <https://envisionthesummit.org/blog/trauma-workshop-training>

We will also have another **discipleship partner training with lunch**

provided at Northwest Baptist church on Sunday after church on May 4 at noon! This will be a great opportunity to learn about discipleship, particularly discipleship partnership, but it is open to all who are interested in learning more about Summit houses too, so please mark your calendars if you are so led.

Aaron Speyer has been leading a Genesis process class at his church, The Bridge, on Thursday nights with many in attendance and beautiful growth points for those involved. Jamey Smith continues to lead our Jesus Study on Sunday nights at the Majestic. We continue to pray on Fridays for the poor at the Light of the World Prayer Center from 3-5pm. And Cal Buys leads Street night each Tuesday night at 5:30pm at 1st Baptist with a good number coming even when it's cold out. See a recent article in the Christian Reformed Church's magazine, The Banner: <https://www.thebanner.org/news/2024/11/bucket-boys-street-ministry-started-as-a-walk-downtown>

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

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Our vision: to seek the face of Jesus!

From Aaron's Desk:

This might have been the most peaceful, easy and uncomplicated... season in ministry work that I can recall in nearly 20 years! What a tremendous and genuinely unexpected blessing, not something to be taken for granted or anticipated to become “the new normal.”

Not to mention the joy in witnessing the connections that our male Summit House guests have established with family, friends and the church, revealed in robust context over the Thanksgiving through Christmas season. **No one was hiding, alone or forgotten, it was more the challenge of how to keep up with all the opportunities and invitations “to be with others”** and to share in good company, food, faith and celebration.

These kinds of Christmas experiences are what we dream of, pray for and seek to help our guests move toward. Coaching them to believe in and take risks by engaging with Holy Spirit filled strangers who can soon become friend's brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers, by the grace of Christ. This comes also with the real and tangible process/ hope for redeeming painful past experiences by receiving something unfamiliar, something truly new, good and life giving, healing and hope filled. A new vision for what it means to have community in Christ, to belong and to be part of God's eternal family. Victory, sweet victory, if even for a moment, a glimpse of the Kingdom to come!

From Miles' desk:

I never would have said I had the gift of hospitality, but in recent years, I've found myself experiencing the joy it brings. Some months ago, I planned a bowling outing with men from the Light House Mission. We thoroughly enjoyed fellowship with over a dozen men including some from the Northwest Baptist and Second Christian Reformed churches. Encouraged by the success, I organized another: this time a Billiards & BBQ. I talked it up with the guys at the mission, went shopping, assembled a new grill, arrived early to set up, and... two showed up. I'm not ashamed to say that after all the effort, it stung a bit.

Our event may not have gone over as I thought it would, but in the light of God's many promises, I cannot call it a failure. Indeed, **nothing ever occurs outside our Heavenly Father's view**. And because I know His promises, I can't wait to see the good fruit of it—whether on this side of eternity, or the next.



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Our Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday: Street Night Tuesdays (5:30-7:15pm), starts at 1st Baptist on 110 Flora St.

Friday: Prayer at the Light of the World Prayer Center (3-5pm)

Sunday: Jesus Study at the Majestic (5pm)