



Dear Friends,

Wishing you a warm and peaceful holiday season! Whether you're wrapped in blankets, sipping something hot, or just trying to avoid the winter cold, I hope this time brings you joy and rest. I hope everyone is doing well! Fall/Winter is in full swing, and with it, schools and Youth for Christ (YFC) programs have been in full swing. I have so much to share with you, from updates on programs to some fun things I've been doing outside of work. I miss you all and hope you have an amazing holiday season and hope to see all of you soon.

First, I had a great meeting with Liberty Middle School's new principal at the end of September, and I'm excited to share that our partnership with them will continue! I have been officially spending three days a week there during lunch with lunch monitoring, and I also do my Check & Connect mentoring once a week. Check & Connect is a research-based mentoring program designed to support students who may be struggling with attendance, behavior, or academics by building consistent, one-on-one relationships. I'm really looking forward to being in the building regularly, connecting with students, and strengthening relationships with the staff. Since October, I've been able to step into a steady rhythm at Liberty lunches, getting to know students, and beginning my mentoring work. It's honestly been one of the most stretching and rewarding experiences I've had so far. From my very first day, meeting the kitchen staff and jumping into the organized chaos of 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade lunches, I've learned a ton about the school and the people who make it run. Some days are smooth, and others feel like a full-blown storm of flying food, groups of boys testing limits, loud tables, nonstop reminders to sit down, and what feels like endless laps around the cafeteria. But right in the middle of all that chaos, real connections form quick conversations in the lunch line, encouraging quieter students, getting to know the principals and staff during breaks, and stepping in when things get a little out of hand. Even the wild days, the loud ones, and the "Monday energy" moments have helped me grow more confident and more rooted in why I'm there. One of the biggest highlights has been starting Check & Connect with a student walking alongside him, learning how he thinks, guiding him when conversations go sideways, and seeing small but meaningful steps as he begins to open up. Through every busy lunchroom, every wild moment, and every small conversation, I'm reminded that ministry isn't just in big events or planned programs, it's in the everyday interactions, the patience, the consistency, and choosing to love students right where they are. This season at Liberty has been loud, tiring, funny, and honestly, pretty incredible. I'm grateful for the relationships forming and the ways God continues to open doors to serve.

I'm also thrilled to share that, as of November 13th, we have been officially holding Bible Studies at the school every Thursday morning before classes begin, meeting with a few students, eating snacks, playing games, and, most importantly, diving into the Bible and learning new things together. It's a huge answer to prayer, and I can't wait to see how God uses it to impact students' lives.

Outside of Liberty, I've also been serving lunches at Dakota High School with my team on Wednesdays. It's been a really fun way to build connections with both staff and students—whether we're playing card games, talking over lunch, or just hanging out together. I've also been helping in their cooking club, which has been a blast. The students teach me new things all the time, and I get to help them whenever they need an extra hand in the kitchen. It's a great way to learn alongside them. I've also been helping my team at the West Central Juvenile Center, assisting with Bible studies and church for the students. It's been powerful to see their hunger to learn more about God, even while they're walking through personal pain. Being present with them, listening to their stories, and offering hope in a place that can feel heavy I'm grateful for every chance to show them they're not alone and that God hasn't forgotten them.

Before my schedule filled up with Liberty, I spent time with Moorhead ALC students alongside my YFC team through a program we run off campus on Thursday mornings at a local church. Each week, we walk through different topics designed to get them thinking, processing, and talking about life, choices, and purpose. Through this program, we've been able to build strong relationships with these high school students. We also set aside time for free play, shooting basketball, playing games, or just hanging out and talking. It's been a really special space to connect with them on a deeper level.

On a personal note, I've been blessed to be part of a Life Group at the local church I attend and have become a member of. Having that weekly reminder that God and others are always present has been incredibly encouraging. It's a space to grow spiritually, share openly, and be reminded that I'm not navigating life alone, and even being able to watch the northern lights together. I was able to attend a Cochren & Co. concert with my mom, a wonderful night of worship that left me refreshed and inspired. I also returned to my college, Northwestern-St. Paul, for homecoming.



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Watching the Northern Lights

It was great to reconnect with the campus community and even run a 5K while I was there. Additionally, I've spent time visiting good friends and family, which has been a chance to step away from stress, enjoy fun moments, and have meaningful conversations. Spiritually, my faith journey is going well. I'm actively listening to what God is calling me to do and seeking guidance and clarity amidst all the opportunities and responsibilities I'm involved in. That said, my plate is starting to get full, and I'm learning to balance ministry, personal life, and rest while staying connected to God's leading, even in these fall/winter months when it gets hard mentally. These moments of reflection and pause have been just as important as the busy, active days of ministry.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has prayed for me over the past few months. I've truly felt your prayers, especially on harder days, and they've given me the strength to keep going. I also want to thank those who have supported me financially for your generosity, allowing me to continue making a meaningful impact in the lives of students here in Fargo-Moorhead.

Here are some prayer requests for the next few months I'd be grateful to have you praying with me:

1. Pray for the students at Liberty, both those who attend the Bible study and those who don't yet. Pray for the staff as well. Please also pray that more students become interested in joining the Bible study and that it continues to grow into something really special, where their hearts for Jesus deepen throughout the winter months.

2. Pray for me as we head into winter. This season can be challenging for my mental health, so please pray that I stay grounded, encouraged, and strong. Also, pray for my physical health as sickness starts making its rounds, and pray the same for my team, both mentally and physically.

If you'd like to hear more about the ministry or have questions or just want to talk, I'd love to connect with you. You can reach me at 832-641-7987 or noahjedlicka@redriveryfc.com. If you'd like to join my bi-weekly prayer list now that the bible study has started, just send me your email or let me know. I'd love to keep you updated with specific prayer needs and stories of what God is doing through this ministry.

As a missionary with Youth for Christ, I am responsible for raising my own financial support. My monthly goal is \$1,500. If thirty people contributed \$50 per month, that goal would be fully covered. If God puts it on your heart to give, whether through ongoing monthly support or a one-time gift, especially for the holiday season, you can do so online at redriveryfc.com/give and select "NJ" from the dropdown. For those who prefer, I've also enclosed an envelope, feel free to send a check if that's easier. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a real difference and helps me continue serving students here in Fargo-Moorhead. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry!



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