



## INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER

Camps are in full swing for the summer and we have seen INCREDIBLE things already. From serving alongside our local church partners, watching campers get excited to expand the kingdom by participating in international fundraisers, and witnessing huddle students fully engaged in our regional camps, it has been amazing. Read more for yourself!

## CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIP

### OUR CAMPS ARE AMAZING BECAUSE OF OUR CHURCH PARTNERS!



As of yesterday morning, we began the third and final local camp of the summer. We love our church partners and have been richly blessed this year, **especially as it is the first season we've run them without Brent Voight directly at the helm!**

Brent worked incredibly hard to establish beautiful partnerships with churches throughout the East Metro area during his 7 years as EM Director. When he shifted into his new role as the Director of Donor and Board

Advancement for the Northland region, **we knew we had big shoes to fill**. Not only did we want to make Brent personally proud in continuing this legacy, but we also wanted to continue to be great partners with each church we serve. Thankfully, Brent is a thorough teacher and modeler, so when it came time for summer, we had the tools, skills, and resources to step fully into running camps as a team.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH CAMP!

## Summer Rec Camp: Shepherd of the Valley Church, Afton, MN

Our first camp kicked off with more than 110 volunteers and campers in attendance! With Gavin in the role of Camp Director and Anna, Brady, and Amanda in the roles of support, we ran the first camp with the Shepherd team. It was an absolute blast. Shepherd is such a gift to work with, and they are an all-hands-on-deck crew when it comes to the week!

Campers are always hugely impacted by getting to know their huddle leaders, who are typically almost all high school students who have given up a week of their summer to serve. **Being around people we admire or look up to is beautiful ground for seeds of faith to be planted.** Every morning, we would meet as a volunteer team to talk about just that. Why it's so important to know the name of each camper in your huddle. Why it's so important to take your role seriously as you model the love of Jesus, **remembering that you are a reflection of Christ, as you teach your huddle how to be a reflection of Christ.** That this one week of camp could be the catalyst to forever changing the life of a camper.



These truths played out as we watched these campers play FULL OUT for the entire week. It played out in the intensity at which they took our first-ever international camp fundraiser and raise over \$1,000 to donate to the sports camps happening in Botswana, South Africa. And it played out in their joy, interest, and willingness to engage in the ways that they were asked to as they learned every day what it means to give God glory first, foremost, and above all else.

## St. Paul Sports Camp: East Immanuel Church

Our second camp happened in the evenings the same week as Shepherd. So it was a deep dive into camps to kick our crew off! This camp is all about high impact as we packed a ton of fun into two evenings. **One of the most special things about this camp is that we never quite know how it's going to all play out but we know God is going to show up beyond what we could hope or imagine.** Pastor Chris and Tracy Monson are always highly invested in seeing this camp happen each summer. We look forward to showing up for them as they have become an integral part of the community in St. Paul and we believe in the work they're doing.

This year was no different as we had close to 40 kiddos the first day and by the end of the second evening we had over 70 kiddos jumping into the games! Much like the campers we had volunteers from every corner of the east metro joining in to help out. God was even so gracious as to provide surprise snack donations that perfectly answered the need of the night. This camp has kiddos participating from age 4 all the way up to 7th and 8th grade which is such a fun dynamic for us!





They were so ready to play!

We love when we see campers  
come back the next year!

The smiles captured at this  
camp are such a gift!

### Woodbury Sports Camp: Five Oaks Church

Our last local camp just kicked off yesterday with over 100 campers and over 48 volunteers coming together to make it all happen! Five Oaks is a big undertaking and we couldn't do it without their amazing crew of high school volunteer leaders and without the Five Oaks staff's gracious and invested hearts in serving with our team.

Our church partners are always so impressive because they all are in the full swing of summer ministry programming. They are all working on holding not only our sports camp but VBS simultaneously along with youth ministry trips, mission's trips, and more. **But they say yes to allowing us to invade every inch of space with our loud and intense games because they know playing, games, sports are a doorway into the hearts of young people.** And we together are committed to capturing these hearts with the Gospel message.



As we wrap up these last three days of local camps, we praise God for all the stories that have happened and the ones we know WILL happen because of the seeds planted in these weeks. It is worth the heat exhaustion, the lists and lists of tasks, and the coordination it takes to make camps happen. **It is a joy to serve alongside people who are willing to try new things, want to see young people impacted in their faith, and long to spread the gospel throughout their communities.**

### NEXT MONTH:

Be on the lookout next month as we share tons of stories of things that happened at camp, along with lots of fun photos! In the meantime, check out the podcast episode below to get a first-hand experience of exactly how big the impact of partnership is in the East Metro.

### Better Together: Building Ministry Through Partnership

This conversation is a testament to what God can do when churches and ministries come together with one mission and willing hearts.

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## COMING UP FOR COACHES

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! GROW AT GREATER IMPACT GATHERING



**Minnesota FCA is gathering up to 10 FCA Huddle Leaders and their spouses for three days of inspiration, encouragement, sharing, Bible study, and fun!**

**Dates:** July 27 - 29, 2025

**Location:** The Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth, MN  
350 Canal Park Dr, Duluth, MN 55802

**Cost:** \$30/person; \$50/couple  
(includes lodging, breakfasts, and dinners)

*Please contact your local FCA Area Rep if you are interested in attending before completing the registration by July 8, 2025:*



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**LEARN AT THE UPCOMING HUDDLE COACH TRAINING**

SUN 14TH SEPT 2:00-4:30

WHERE: TBD

# FCA Huddle Coach Training



To be engaged,  
equipped, and  
inspired as  
leaders to serve  
your huddle and  
school.

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Join us for a short afternoon of training designed to equip and empower you as a Huddle Coach. This is an opportunity for the entire East Metro area of Huddle Coaches to come together to prepare ourselves to serve our school communities in the new school year, so that you are set to serve. We will feed you well, use our time wisely, and ensure you are prepared in all the ways required!

## COMING UP FOR DONORS & SUPPORTERS

**PRAYING TOGETHER AS THE TWIN CITIES FOR FCA!**

## INTERESTED IN BEING A PRAYER WARRIOR FOR FCA?



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO  
WOULD BE WILLING TO PRAY FOR:

**HUDDLES  
STUDENTS  
COACHES**

If you have a passion to pray for your community, we would love to have your collaboration as we work to cover the entire FCA Twin Cities area in prayer together! Our goal is to get people praying each week specifically for Huddles, Students, and Coaches. No matter who you are, if you have a heart for this kind of ministry we would love to have you join the group!

Email Anna Your  
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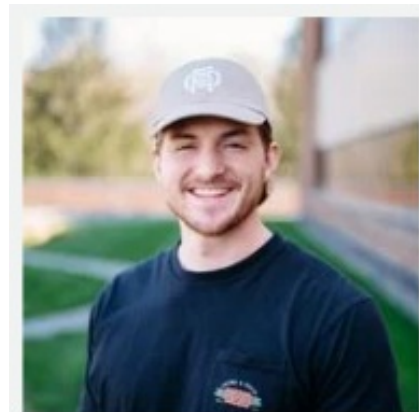
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