

# YOUTH

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into the college years. Henke not only guides young people as pastor of Praise West, but he works extensively with Northwestern Michigan College students.

As director of campus ministry, Henke counsels students in an office setting in West Hall at NMC. He said that college-age students are extremely comfortable talking about their problems with him.

"They may start out as 'I have this friend'. After talking to them for a while, it is revealed that we are talking about the very person in front of me," said Henke with a smile.

He believes that people cannot "ignore God and still have a perfect family."

Henke tells those who seek his counsel that God needs to be there to provide love and the ability to forgive.

"I tell them that the power that can come from God is very positive," he said. "God is there for them, but a person has to look for the avenues that are available to them."

### Faith takes a holiday

Pastor Henke got to enjoy the fruits of his Christian mentoring. When he hit the road with 15 students and three chaperones, it was for an Alternative Spring Break.

Instead of losing themselves in Cancun or Florida, this ambitious group found themselves in Franklin, West Virginia. There they helped

build houses for four impoverished families.

Students and other members of the religious community raised \$6,500 to help defray expenses so that they could participate in the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge. Not only did they have bake sales, but they had a model house contest. The miniature homes, built by the students, were on display. Students could vote, making a cash donation toward the trip.

"Some of the college students who participated said that they almost felt guilty at the immense pleasure that they got from the experience," he said. "They can't wait to do it again."

NMC student Jen Baller was one of the students who participated in the Collegiate Challenge agrees.

"This is my second year participating in the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge over spring break. It was cool to see them (the owners) working on their homes and you could clearly see how excited they were and how much they appreciated our help," Baller said. "The entire experience is something that I would never trade for a week on the beach...I have made some lasting friendships with the people on the trip."

When asked about the conflicting messages about life that today's youth face, Baller said, "I think the reality that consists of goodness, faith, happiness, etc., is just as big or bigger than the reality of drugs, guns and other crimes...it may be that charity and volunteer works are not

heavily covered by the media, but there are always opportunities. You just have to look in the right places."

This group also works with the Salvation Army, adopting a family for the Christmas holidays. Locally, they distribute little care packages to college students during final exams. Henke said that the ministry helps "adds the community portion of the community college."

Baller gives credit to Henke, saying, "Rev. Henke has always been very supportive to the chapter and has helped us for the past two years."

### Power of prayer

Hired by the nine-member Campus Ministry Board, Henke received instruction at the Concordia Theological Seminary and holds a master of divinity. His role as Pastor

of Praise West is that of the "coach" who guides the people's congregation. He is proud of his church's Kids' Healing Ministry, which meets on the first Thursday of every month.

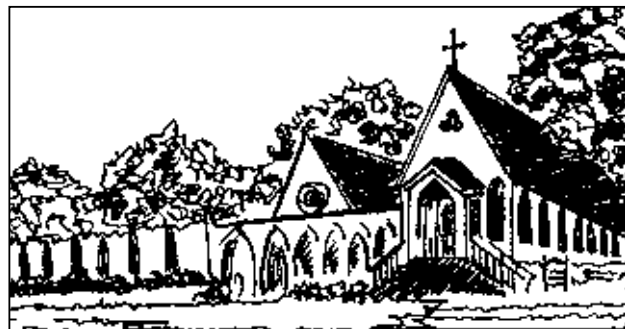
"The congregation gets together and prays for an ill child in our community," he said.

According to Henke, his own son has been a recipient of the miracles of faith healing. Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, Henke's child is a healthy elementary student, with normal insulin levels for the past four months. He attributes that to the Lord's intervention.

"I'm the kind of person who sees miracles in everyone and everywhere," he said.

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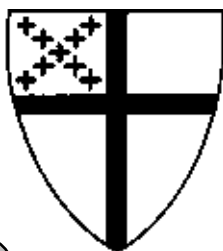
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