

2nd's Matters

January 10, 2018

- Pray for safety and health for those from Second Church who are serving in Matamoros, Mexico this week, from January 6-13: **Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper, Dave and Mariel Poel, John and Helen Mellema and Randy Pell.**
- Pray for Harold Kolk's son **Mark Kolk** whose cancer remains and who is making plans for receiving hospice care.
- Pray for **Lakeside Church in Ludington** which has determined that their ministry has completed its course and is planning on holding their final public worship service on January 21. Ask for the Lord to provide a new chapter in ministry for **Pastor Cindy de Jong.**

From Your Pastor's Desk

At the very end of 2017 the leadership at the Lakeside CRC in Ludington announced they will hold their final worship service on January 21. As they prepare to conclude their ministry they want to honor God by ending well. They will be honest enough to lament their loss in the conclusion of their journey together but they will also celebrate with thankfulness that God has done great things over the years through Lakeside Church. There will be some supporters from Classis Muskegon and Second Church who will join them for their final 10 AM service and potluck on January 21. Let me know if you would like to go as Lakeside would like to know how many to anticipate!

Worship This Sunday, January 14

We return to the Gospel According to St. Mark with the first of a two-part message on Jesus' healings in Mark 5:21-43, "Jesus' Healing Power." Our offerings will be for our General Fund and the Christian Reformed Church's Resonate Global Mission.

Bible Study on the book of Judges

This afternoon at 2 PM we resume our mid-week Bible study on the book of Judges. Everyone is welcome to join the fellowship, teaching, and discussion based on the mighty warrior Jephthah and his wretched promise in Judges 10:6 - 12:15.

Stock the Pantry!

For January, the Deacons request cereal, pancake mix and syrup, for donation to True North.

IF Gathering, 2018

The IF:Gathering is a two-day event for women to come together across generations, denominations, and cultures in our community to learn from each other and to be pointed to God. Our IF event will be held March 2-3 at the Dogwood Center for the performing arts. Registration is now open for everyone. If you have any questions please contact Chelsea Breuker or call the church office. To register please use the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/0SDerMeukaKclKnv2>

Adult Education

As a new year begins, take this opportunity to grow in your faith and your love for the Lord: attend the study on Ecclesiastes Sunday mornings in the library/fireside room (notice new meeting place) at 10:45 am following morning worship. All adults are encouraged to attend. Nursery will be provided. Questions? Contact Bob Broekema, 231-726-0666.

Community Events

Calvin College 2018 January Series

The series began on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. with topics ranging from millennials and faith to restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity and so much more by top experts in their fields.

The Dogwood Center Black Box, 4734 S Campus Court, Fremont is a remote location

Wednesday, January 10 – John Inazu “Confident Pluralism: Surviving and Thriving through Deep Differences”

Thursday, January 11 – Laura Sumner Truax “Love Let Go: Radical Generosity for the Real World”

Friday, January 12 – Caroline Webb “How to Have a Good Day”

Monday, January 15 – Beverly Daniel Tatum in celebration of MLK day “Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?”

Tuesday, January 16 – Katherine Boo “Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity”

Wednesday, January 17 – Kevin Olusola in concert and conversation

Nathan Wolford Scholarship Fund

As many of you know, Nathan Wolford, who attends First Reformed Church and is a youth group leader at FRC, was seriously injured in a work-related accident that required the amputation of both legs. Nathan is going to college to pursue a career in Ministry. The leadership of FRC has established a scholarship fund to help with Nathan's college tuition. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can send your donation to First Reformed Church and designate it for the "Nathan Wolford Scholarship Fund". If you would like to contribute using a Credit/Debit card or via a bank withdrawal, please visit the FRC website at www.frcfremont.org and click on "Give" on the top menu. Make sure to designate your gift to the Nathan Wolford Scholarship fund. If you have any questions contact FRC office 231-924-4950 or info@frcfremont.org.

CLC Network Auction

Bring you family and friends to the CLC Network (also known as Christian Learning Center) Auction on Saturday, February 3 at Calvary Christian Reformed Church (3500 Byron Center Ave SW, Wyoming, MI). The dinner and silent auction start at 4:30 PM, the live auction begins at 6:00. Bid on merchandise, gift certificates, activities and much more! Your participation helps equip schools and congregations to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities. Learn more at clcnetwork.org.

Ever wonder...

Why the sun lightens our hair,
but darkens our skin?

Why the man who invests all
your money is called a broker?

Why the time of day with the
slowest traffic is called rush hour?

Why, if flying is so safe, they call
the airport the terminal?

Why do you have to “put your two cents in” but it’s only “a penny for your thoughts”? Where’s the extra penny going to?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

Why do people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake every two hours?

If money doesn’t grow on trees, why do banks have branches?