

# 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Matters

February 21, 2018

- Please remember those in prayer who are recovering from surgery and illness.

## From Your Pastor's Study

For the season of Lent the cross in the sanctuary has been draped with a purple cloth. Purple speaks both of royalty -- in Mark 15:17 they put a purple robe on Jesus so as to mock him -- and of repentance for sin. Lent is a time of reflection and penitence, and this is represented in the darker colors on our banner and pulpit parament. Yet on both the banner and parament the cross is evident as even our times of deepest sorrow for sin are covered by the grace of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf.

### Today:

**Our Council** meets this evening and the agenda includes seeking nominees for serving as Elders and Deacons; consideration of a severance arrangement for Rev. Cindy deJong; and seeking a new Music / Worship Director.

### Thursday:

**Classis Muskegon** meets beginning at 9 AM at the Allen Ave CRC in Muskegon. The full-day agenda includes the examination of candidate Tara Foreman to serve with the Bethany CRC of Muskegon. The delegates from Second Church will be Pastor MacLeod (who will chair the meeting), Elder Ann Pell, and Deacon Gail Wagenmaker.

### Thursday:

**Alden Sneller** marks his 90th birthday. Cards can be sent to him at 500 Parkside Dr, Apt 269, Zeeland, MI 49464.

### Friday: Men's Lenten Breakfast

The second weekly Lenten breakfast will be held from 7:00 - 7:45 am at the Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock St.

### Saturday:

**Cadet Winter Derby** from 1-4 pm at Branstrom Park.

### Sunday Worship: The Second Sunday in Lent, February 25:

Our children's choir will contribute an offering of music and Pastor MacLeod's message from Galatians 3:10-14 will continue our confession from the Apostle's Creed, "He Was Crucified." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Lakeside Severance.

### Easter Plant Sale:

Please check your church mail box or the literature ledge for the FYSH Easter Plant Sale order forms! The Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on Good Friday (March 30). The money and orders forms must be in by March 18 for guaranteed pick up on March 30, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will go towards student mission trip accounts. Any questions? Contact Zach by calling or emailing the church office.

### IF: Fremont, 2018

IF:Fremont is less than 2 weeks away! Come join with other women from our community as we listen to some amazing speakers teach us how we can become "Ablaze" for our God. The Holy Spirit is ready to speak to you, are you ready to listen? 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/OSDerMeukaKclKnv2>

## **Stock the Pantry!**

For February the Deacons request macaroni and cheese and tuna for donation to True North.

## **Community Events**

### **GriefShare**

Advanced Notice for GriefShare: We welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare group. This non-denominational 13-week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is special and different, focusing on a DVD featuring grief experts and real-life stories. A \$10 fee is for your personal workbook, which you use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open-door policy and new people may join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Thursdays beginning March 1, 2018 from 7-9pm at First Christian Reformed Church (721 Hillcrest Dr, Fremont. Registration with our church is helpful for planning but not required. Please call 231-924-2460 if you wish to register. This is an excellent program to help you on your journey from mourning to joy! For additional information go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). We look forward to meeting you and walking with you on your journey through this difficult time. God bless you!

### **MOSES (Making OurSelves Equipped Servants)**

MOSES is seeking teens and adults to participate in two trips to help out folks affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Dates are March 29-April 8. Cost is only \$375 for teens and \$265 for adult and teen leaders. See [mosesweb.org](http://mosesweb.org) for more information and registration instructions. Call Judy VanderArk at 616-949-0344 with any questions.

### **CureUs Ministry**

We are bringing the Break Through Tour, Saturday, April 14, 6 pm, to Fremont High School which includes two bands: Unspoken and Citizen Way. We are also welcome, Jason Fowler, to share his story and music with us. Tickets are now on sale with I-Tickets for \$13.00 or \$8.00 for 10+ and will be sold locally at the Rec Center for \$10 starting early next week.

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An 80-year-old couple was worried because they kept forgetting things all the time. The doctor assured them there was nothing seriously wrong except old age and suggested they carry a notebook and write things down so they wouldn't forget.

Several days later, the old man got up to go to the kitchen. His wife said, "Dear, get me a bowl of ice cream while you're up."

"Okay," he said.

"And put some chocolate syrup on it and a few cherries, too," she added. "You'd better write all this down."

"I won't forget!" he said.

Twenty minutes later he came back into the room and handed his wife a plate of scrambled eggs and bacon. She glared at him. "Now, I told you to write it down! I knew you'd forget."

"What did I forget?" he asked.

She replied, "My toast!"