

2nd's Matters

February 28, 2018

- Please pray for Jim Deur who was in a car accident on Sunday. His thumb surgery went well yesterday and hopes to be transferred to Mary Free Bed to begin rehab.
- Please remember those in prayer who are recovering from surgery and illness.

From Your Pastor's Study

In January our sister congregation, Lakeside CRC in Ludington, closed.

You may also know that Second CRC serves as Rev. Cindy de Jong's calling church and on behalf of the disbanded Lakeside congregation we are taking on the responsibility of administering a severance package for Rev. de Jong which Lakeside, our Council, and Classis Muskegon have all approved.

As much as Lakeside would love to provide this on their own, they are in no financial position to do so. Thus, all the congregations of Classis Muskegon are being invited to share in this concluding grace from Lakeside by receiving a special offering. The overall four-month provision totals nearly \$30,000. With \$15,000 already made available through funds and gifts, another \$15,000 remains to be raised in order to fully provide for this allowance.

Our Deacons received our initial offering this past Sunday, yet they still welcome our gifts at any time over the coming month. Please make checks payable to Second CRC with a note that it is for "Lakeside severance."

Today: Mid-Week Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join our Bible discussion this afternoon at 2:00 in the Fireside Room. We are discussing Judges 16.

Friday: Men's Lenten Breakfast

The third weekly Lenten breakfast will be held from 7:00 - 7:45 am at First Reformed Church.

Sunday Worship: The Third Sunday in Lent, March 4

We will welcome Rev. Cindy de Jong to preach for us from Philippians 2. This service will include Communion and our congregational prayer will be offered by Elder Matt Mellema. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and World Renew Disaster Relief.

Thank You

Thank you so much for celebrating Case's arrival with us through all of your prayers, meals, cards, and gifts. We are so thankful and blessed to have such a caring and thoughtful church family.

Ryan, Katie, and Case Boven

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 only 2 days 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/0SDerMeukaKclKnv2>

Stock the Pantry!

Beginning tomorrow, the Deacons request peanut butter and jelly for donation to True North Food Pantry.

Did You Know?

Our church website contains video recordings of our Sunday messages; they can be found at: <http://secondcrcfremont.org/category/sermon-videos/>

Community Events

Camp Tall Turf Work Retreat

Please join us for the Spring Break Work Project, April 4-7. It will be a great time of fellowship, fun, and work as we prepare Camp for the summer! Registration forms are on the literature ledge in the lobby of Second Church, or you can contact David Brassler for more information (616) 834-1967. david@tallturf.org.

Coffee Break

Beginning March 13, Coffee Break will begin a 5 week study of the book of Ruth. If you or your neighbor have not been a part of Coffee Break and would like to "try it," consider joining on March 13. This study will meet March 13, 20, 27; April 10 and 17 (off the week of April 3 for spring break). Questions? call Julie Baker at 928-0184.

GriefShare

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. We look forward to meeting you and walking with you on your journey through this difficult time. God bless you!

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 welcoming 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 are sold locally at the Rec Center for \$10.

Disturb Us Lord

***Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves;
When our dreams come true only because we have dreamed too little;
When we arrive safely only because we sailed too close to the shore;
When with the abundance of things we are losing our thirst for more of God;
When in loving time, we have ceased to dream of eternity;
When in our desire to build on this earth
We have lost our vision of a new heaven.***