

2nd's Matters

April 18, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Imagine living for 100 years. I can imagine that it might not work out well for me to live that long. Gerry Frens sure did a fine job of it though. She continued with a strong testimony of faith and thankfulness even through the last chapter of her life where she continuously lost so much. I've participated in well over a hundred funerals but never before for a saint who had lived for 100 years. I am glad that a woman like Gerry was my first.

Our Church Family:

Funeral services were held on Monday for **Chuck Witteveen** and today at 11 AM for **Gerry Frens**.

Ann Pell is healing at home following her hip replacement last Wednesday.

Alden Sneller has been hospitalized this week in Holland for a urinary tract infection and associated symptoms.

Sunday Worship, April 22:

Easter hymns continue and Pastor Doug will be preaching from Psalm 51:10-12 and Mark 7:1-23, "Easter: A Spring Cleaning." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Western Michigan Christian High School.

Special Envelope Offering

April 29 – Cadets

May 6 – Christian Education Fund

May 13 – Resonate Global Missions

Mobile Food Truck, April 18

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church today. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM.

55+ Breakfast

55+ Breakfast for all those aged 55 and older tomorrow morning, 8:30 AM, Side Street Cafe, 1 E. Main. New faces are always most welcome.

Praise Team Participants, April 22

We have rescheduled the time of instruction and Q&A on our new Planning Center system for Worship planning and volunteer scheduling for this Sunday, April 22 at 11AM in the sanctuary. We would love to see all attend, but we do understand that you may be away, unable to attend, or serving elsewhere at church during this time. If you are unable to attend and have questions, please feel free to email Zach Van Wyk at 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com and we can set up a time to run through it separately.

Senior Brunch, April 29

Attention Seniors: The Deacons will be holding a Soup & Salad Luncheon and a time of fellowship following the service and coffee on Sunday, April 29 (approximately 11:30). Senior members and guests are ALL welcome! In order to help our planning, please sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge.

IF Gathering re-watch

If you missed the IF Gathering in March, if you felt like it was a TON of information to absorb or if you're just wanting to hear it again....you're in luck! We will be showing many of the speakers again in May and we'd love to have you join us! Grab your Bible and a pencil and come on Tuesdays, May 8,15,22,29 at 6:30 at church. These sessions do not build on each other, so no need to commit to them all ~ come to whatever works for you! No homework, no book to read ~ just an open heart and listening ear. We hope to see you with a friend!

Stock the Pantry!

During April the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables for donation to the 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

Fremont Christian School Annual Auction, Friday, April 20.

Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 PM and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00 PM at the Fremont Christian School gymnasium, 208 Hillcrest. Come out for a delicious meal, and a great auction! You will find a list of some of the many items on our auction on the ledge in the foyer.

GEMS

GEMS Sunday Combined Service will be held at Trinity CRC on Sunday, April 29 at 5:30 PM. Please join us as the GEMS girls lead us in worship.

GEMS Cake Auction: GEMS girls will be baking delicious cakes to auction at Reeman CRC on Monday, April 30, at 6:30 PM, to raise funds to pay for GEMS camp this summer. GEMS camp costs \$290 and all proceeds will be used to send the girls to camp. Ice cream sundaes will be served following the auction! Please come out and support our girls!

Newaygo County Right to Life

Will hold an educational dinner at The Shack in White Cloud on April 30 at 6 PM. Cost is \$16.00 and the speaker will be Right to Life of Michigan's Legislative Director Ed Rivet. For information or tickets, call Dee DeKryger 924-0259.

Attention All Fishermen

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its sixteenth annual fishing tournament to raise funds to support its ministry – helping boys grow spiritually in all areas of life. The fishing tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2, at Gun Lake State Park in southwest Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 4, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available from our Cadet club's head counselor Steve Wagenmaker, or you can register at our website: www.CalvinistCadets.org. Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read

In David Dark's book, *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything*, he wonders if "Getting right with God is a matter of believing the right things" (p. 57). He says, "If we feel deep affection only for people who tell us we're right and only give high fives to like-minded, all we've done is joined a club.... If all our friends and news sources require of us is a 'Ditto' and 'I think what you think,' we might be in danger of becoming impenetrable to wisdom..." (p. 58)