

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

April 25, 2018

## **From Your Pastor's Desk:**

For two weeks, beginning this Sunday, Zach and I will be meeting with our 5th-7th graders during the church school hour exploring the question: What is the Lord's Supper and why does it matter? We have about a dozen students in this age range and we will be inviting them to appreciate how God's grace is shared and celebrated within the community in this sacrament.

## **Our Church Family:**

**Alden Sneller** has returned to American House in Zeeland for hospice care.

## **Sunday Worship, April 29:**

Our Cadets will be participating in our worship service and Pastor MacLeod will be preaching from this year's Cadet theme text, Ezekiel 34:11, "God Seeking Us." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the Cadets. A combined CRC evening worship service will be held at 5:30 at Trinity CRC in celebration of the GEMS ministry.

## **Senior Brunch, April 29**

Attention Seniors: The Deacons will be holding a Soup & Salad Luncheon and a time of fellowship following the worship service and coffee on Sunday, April 29 (approximately 11:30). Senior members and guests are all welcome!

## **Adult Bible Study**

The Adult Bible Study which was meeting following the morning worship service has adjourned for the year.

## **IF Gathering re-watch**

If you missed the IF Gathering in March or 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

### 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](http://www.CalvinistCadets.org). Lunch will be served at noon. Join us for a fun filled day!

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### Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read

“People, in general, would rather die than forgive. It's *that* hard. If God said in plain language, "I'm giving you a choice, forgive or die," a lot of people would go ahead and order their coffin.”

— Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*