

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

April 4, 2018

- Please pray for continued strength and healing for Bev Deur and Jim Deur.

## From Your Pastor's Desk

Forty years ago Professor Dale Cooper took a batch of Calvin College students to the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky for a week-long silent retreat. We had read and discussed a handful of Thomas Merton books in preparation for the curious practice of silence and the unique rhythms of the monastic day. I have returned to the Abbey ([www.monks.org](http://www.monks.org)) many times since then and find it peaceful and reflective. Next week I am returning again. Like the monks, those on retreat practice silence (even during meals) and are invited to join the monks as they gather seven times each day (beginning at 3:15 am!) for praying/chanting the Psalms and scripture reading. I join them in this measuring of the day which is so utterly different than regular time. I find that I am ordinarily pretty good at making noise and taking in noise, but to spend so much time in *making silence* is blessedly reorienting. I find I can listen more when I am silent. I also bring my bike and weather-permitting I will bike for an hour or more each day on the local, rural, and very hilly Kentucky roads. I am silent then too.

## Sunday Worship, April 8

We will celebrate the baptism of Silas DeLonge, the son of Andrew and Donna. Pastor MacLeod will preach from Mark 6:45-56, "Jesus Walks on the Sea." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Bethany Christian Services.

## Special Envelope Offering

April 15 – Fremont Christian School  
April 22 – Western Michigan Christian High School  
April 29 - Cadets

## Lakeside Severance

On behalf of the disbanded Lakeside congregation, Second Church has taken on the responsibility of administering a severance package for Rev. de Jong which Lakeside, our Council, and Classis Muskegon have all approved. Contributions towards this fund are most welcome. Please make checks payable to Second CRC with a note that it is for "Lakeside severance."

## Praise Team Participants, April 15

The Worship Team will be holding a time of instruction and Q&A on our new Planning Center system for Worship planning and volunteer scheduling. We will meet following the morning worship service in the sanctuary for all of the praise team participants.

## Mobile Food Truck, April 18

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church Wednesday, April 18. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign the sheet on the literature ledge of the church.

## New Address:

**Harold and Win Kolk** have moved to Royal Atrium Inn, 400 Parkside Dr. #209, Zeeland, MI 49464.

## Stock the Pantry!

During April the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables for donation to the True North Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who donated peanut butter and jelly during March. It totaled 110 pounds.

## 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

### Parenting The Love And Logic Way™ Class!

Last one before summer at a Spring Special price of \$50 (per couple or single—includes one workbook).

Location: Fremont Rec Center in The Outpost Living Room

When: Monday evenings from 7 – 9, April 9 – May 14

This is a practical parenting approach that has been around for 40 years! It is taught primarily via an entertaining DVD presentation. Please explore [loveandlogic.com](http://loveandlogic.com) for testimonials as to its effectiveness. Contact Sharon Deur for other questions: [sharond.outpost@gmail.com](mailto:sharond.outpost@gmail.com)

### Ground Breaking At Fremont Christian School

You are invited to join the students and staff of Fremont Christian School in the ground breaking of their Hillcrest addition. This will take place Wednesday, April 11 at 2:00 pm. Parking will be by the soccer field. Please join us in a time of prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship for this exciting time at FCS!

### Fremont Christian School Canter Run 5K

The CANter 5k run/walk will take place on Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am! The cost is \$10 + a bag of food donations for TRUENorth Community Services (checks can be made payable to Fremont Christian School). All who are registered by Friday, April 6 are guaranteed a t-shirt! Register either in person at the FCS office or by emailing Joel DeHaan at [jdehaan@fremontchristian.org](mailto:jdehaan@fremontchristian.org).

### 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.

### 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

#### *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You, by Tony Reinke*

“Maybe this is a key function of church attendance in the digital age. We must withdraw from our online worlds to gather as a body in our local churches. We gather to be seen, to feel awkward, and perhaps to feel a little unheard and underappreciated, all on purpose. In obedience to the biblical command not to forsake meeting together, we each come as one small piece, one individual member, one body part, in order to find purpose, life, and value in union with the rest of the living body of Christ.” (p. 72)

