

2nd's Matters

May 16, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

This Sunday is Pentecost. In the Old Testament Pentecost (which means "fiftieth") was a harvest festival also call the Festival of Weeks. In the New Testament Pentecost, which is understood to be the 50th day following the resurrection (Easter inclusive) is associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the church. Since the Acts 2 story includes what "seemed to be tongues of fire" and at the baptism of Jesus the Holy Spirit appears like a dove, our new Pentecost banner incorporates the color red and the form of a dove.

Did you know that in England the holiday is known as Whitsunday? An Italian observance includes the dropping of red rose petals (tongues of fire) from the ceiling of the church; and in Australia, with the seasonal shift of the southern hemisphere, red poinsettias are frequently used to decorate churches.

Our Church Family:

Roger Rauwerda's knee surgery went well on Monday and he came home on Tuesday.

Wayne Vogel had back surgery on Tuesday and is coming home today.

Jim Deur continues to receive rehabilitation at Marywood Health Center in Grand Rapids

Ann Pell returned home yesterday but will continue with very limited mobility for some time.

Kate Volz and Derek Buchoz anticipate their wedding ceremony this Friday evening. Pray for God's blessing on this union.

Our **Shepherding Elders** have their monthly meeting this evening. Pray for their efforts in overseeing the spiritual care of the congregation.

55+ Breakfast, Thursday, May 17

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.

Special screening, Thursday, May 17

Our church family is invited to a private showing of the movie, *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, at 11:00 am on Thursday, May 17, at the Fremont Cinema, 1027 W Main St. This showing is made possible by the Fremont Theater for our Special Moments group, but everyone is welcomed to join, for the regular matinee ticket price.

Pentecost Sunday Worship, May 20:

We will have a new Pentecost banner, our Children's Choir will sing, and we will recognize our graduates. Pastor Doug's message will be from Acts 2:1-13; 9:31, "Holy Encouragement." Our noisy coin offering will be for Hand2Hand, the regular offering will be for the General Fund, and the special envelope offering for Fremont Christian School.

Church Potluck this Sunday, May 20

We will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness through yet another church year by enjoying good food and fellowship in the basement fellowship hall. Everyone, members and guests, is invited and we encourage everyone to come. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a cold dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a hot dish. Please bring generous portions so that there is plenty for everyone. Rolls, drinks, dessert and paper products will be provided. We will eat at 11:30 am following the completion of the church school classes. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts.

IF Gathering re-watch, Tuesday, May 22

Tuesday's (May 22) Bible study does not build on last week, so if your schedule is free at 6:30, join us in re-watching IF Gathering speaker Jo Saxton You'll be so blessed as we talk about not having a spirit of fear, but a sound mind and you'll be challenged to invest time studying the Word. Bring your Bible and a pencil ~ We'll see you in the sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting, Wednesday, May 23

The 104th Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM. The agenda and budget information was placed in mailboxes last week.

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of May the Deacons request spaghetti sauce and pasta/rice for donation.

Community Events

Wellspring Adult Day Service

Wellspring Adult Day Service is excited to announce that we are now able to receive payment through Medicaid. If you are caring for a loved one at home and could use some rest, help, and support, please contact Wellspring at 231-330-1655.

Love INC

Love INC is seeking teachers and volunteers with a heart for Jesus and a desire for relationships with his people. We are currently in need of teachers for a 14-week Boundaries class (curriculum and PowerPoints available), a 7-week Bible Study as well as teachers and mentors for our finance class. Our next classes will start on Monday, June 23 and we'd love to have you join us! If you are interested, or would just like to have more information, please call Laurie at (231) 652-4099 ext. 125 or email at lauriep@loveincnewaygo.com

Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read

12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos, by Jordan W. Peterson

“To stand up straight with your shoulders back is to accept the terrible responsibility of life, with eyes wide open. It means deciding to voluntarily transform the chaos of potential into the realities of habitable order. It means adopting the burden of self-conscious vulnerability, and accepting the end of the unconscious paradise of childhood, where finitude and mortality are only dimly comprehended. It means willingly undertaking the sacrifices necessary to generate a productive and meaningful reality (it means acting to please God, in the ancient language).”