

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

May 23, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Fremont has a rather wide variety of churches including Baptist and Methodist and Wesleyan and Lutheran and Episcopal and Bible and Catholic and non-denominational and Disciples of Christ and a few others. And let's not forget the Reformed Church in America and Christian Reformed congregations. Fremont will soon be getting an additional church. Several weeks ago the Harvest Bible Chapel of Spring Lake announced that there is a strong need for another church in Fremont. They are sending a pastor who has recently bought a house in Fremont and plans to start a church here by January 2019. Nestle, Walmart, Meijer, and Harvest Bible Chapel all contribute to a changing nature of Fremont and as with all changes some things are lost and others are gained.

## Our Church Family:

**Dale Lue's** surgery on his neck went well on Tuesday and he hopes to be able to return home from Metro Hospital either today or tomorrow.

**Marique and Ryan Buchanan** welcome our prayers for the birth of their baby scheduled for tomorrow at Butterworth Hospital.

## Congregational Meeting, This Evening, Wednesday, May 23:

The 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting is this evening at 7:00 PM. It includes reports from our Youth Director Zach Van Wyk and Pastor Douglas MacLeod. We will have a financial report and consideration of the proposed General Fund budget for 2018-19. We will also be asked to affirm those being nominated for three year terms on the Council.

## Sunday Worship, May 27:

Pastor Doug's message will be based on Mark 7:24-30, "Oh, Crumbs." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the special envelope offering for Young Life Campership.

## Max Jordan: Saturday, May 26

From 10 am - 12 noon Max will be signing copies of his biography written by Richard Wolters, *We Were United Then*, at Flying Bear Books, 79 State St in Newaygo.

## IF Gathering re-watch, Tuesday, May 29

Our last Tuesday re-watch of the IF Gathering will be Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 PM. Join us as we are reminded to live a life of urgency based on the message we have to share, how to disciple through relationship and how perseverance through suffering leads to growth. This is SUCH. GOOD. STUFF! We hope you'll join us ~ look for us in the sanctuary.

## Prayer Partners

With a school year quickly coming to a close, please let the student(s) you've been praying for over the course of the past year know that your prayers continue. Send them a card, talk to them at church, remember them in some tangible way during the course of the summer. You will be blessed and so will they.

## Library Survey

There will be a short but important library survey in mailboxes this Sunday. Your responses will help us as we take steps to build up our church library. Please take just a minute, check your responses and make comments if you choose and place yours in the box that will be provided. Some great new adult books are ready for check out too! Thank you.

## Faith Promise

It's nearly time for Faith Promise pledging for missions! Bright pink pledge cards will be in your mailboxes soon and information will be out in June. Please consider being a missions supporter.

## **Stock the Pantry!**

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

## **Community Events**

### **Fremont Christian School**

Fremont Christian School continues to save Shop and Save receipts and BoxTops for Education. There is a box on the coat rack on the west side of the lobby where you may drop them off. Please keep saving!

### **Bible League International**

Bible League International Volunteers are planning an exciting retreat event on Thursday, September 6. Sign up today to enjoy the day of fellowship with special guests, including key note speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs. Hear messages which are biblical, encouraging, down-to-earth, and profoundly funny, helping sisters and seekers experience the depth of God's love. Registration brochures are available online at [bibleleague.org/retreat18](http://bibleleague.org/retreat18).

### **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](mailto:lauriep@loveincnewaygo.com)

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

*The Emotionally Healthy Leader: How Transforming Your Inner Life Will Deeply Transform Your Church, Team, and the World*, by Peter Scazzero,

“Married couples bear witness to the depth of Christ’s love. Their vows focus and limit them to loving one person exclusively, permanently, and intimately. Singles — vowed or dedicated — bear witness to the breadth of Christ’s love. Because they are not limited by a vow to one person, they have more freedom and time to express the love of Christ to a broad range of people. Both marrieds and singles point to and reveal Christ’s love, but in different ways. Both need to learn from one another about these different aspects of Christ’s love.”