

2nd's Matters

May 30, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

This coming Sunday we will acknowledge a transition that will begin a new Council year on July 1. Unlike some nations our change should be bloodless, and unlike some corporate transitions it will not be an unfriendly take-over. That is because the Head of the church, and the purpose, and the mission all remain eternally in place. The Council serves not as those in charge, but as those who are disciples who bear special responsibilities. They serve as those who need our prayers and support and thanks.

Sunday Worship, June 3:

We will thank our retiring Council members and install those who will be beginning a three-year term of service as of July 1. Note: In June we will share in the Lord's Supper on the second Sunday. Pastor Doug's message will be from Mark 7:31-37, "Be Opened." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the special envelope offering for Fremont Friendship – local adult mentors who meet twice a month with special needs people in the local area for fellowship and various group activities.

Our Church Family:

Dale Lue (neck vertebrae) and **Ann Pell** (hip) continue to recover in their homes from recent surgeries.

Buchanan Meal Train:

We give thanks with Ryan, Marique and boys as they welcome another precious baby boy to their family! Rijk Brant was born to the Buchanan bunch on May 24. We invite you to help us shower the Buchanan party of 7 with meals as they welcome and adjust to the new addition.

We are using mealtrain.com to schedule these meals. It has the dates for signing up plus other information you might need. Please consider helping us serve them in the name of Christ by serving them a meal! You can click on the link <https://mealtrain.com/9415k5> or contact Stephanie DeKuiper at 231-414-5141 or Jane Wolffis at 924-6591 if you'd like to participate! If you are not comfortable using the app or would like some help, please feel free to call Stephanie or Jane.

Prayer Partners

With the 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.

Young Life Fundraisers

Kid's Night Out - YL will be hosting a babysitting night full of food, games and fun this Friday, June 1 from 5:15-10pm. To register and for more information please contact Zach Van Wyk.

Golf Outing - YL is hosting a golf outing on Saturday morning June 9, at 8am at Waters Edge Golf Course. We are still accepting team registrations! If you are interested please contact Zach Van Wyk or grab a registration form from the box on Zach's office door.

Library Survey

Please take a moment and fill out the short library survey that was placed in mailboxes last week. We are wanting to "grow" the library as the 2nd church family would like us to do. But, your input is needed! There is a basket for completed surveys and new books ready for checkout on the table in the narthex. 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. Starting in June, the deacons request soup and crackers.\

Community Events

Fremont Christian School

8th GRADE GRADUATION: Fremont Christian School invites you to our 8th-grade commencement program which will be held on Thursday evening, June 7, at 7:00 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church. A reception honoring the graduates will be held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. Friends, supporters, and constituents are cordially invited to attend.

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.

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

Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler

"But I don't want ice cream, I want a world where there is no need for pediatric oncology, UNICEF, military budgets, or suicide rails on the top floors of tall buildings. The world would drip with mercy. Thy kingdom come, I pray, and my heart aches. And my tongue trips over the rest. Thy will be done."