

2nd's Matters

June 6, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Beginning Thursday I will be immersed in Synod matters for the foreseeable week (through June 14). Since one of our daughters (Ann) lives in Grand Rapids I will be sleeping at her house instead of enjoying dorm life. I will be the clerk / reporter for an advisory committee dealing with a range of denominational ministry reports (e.g. Faith Formation, Chaplaincy, Worship...) and dealing with a couple of overtures on bible translations (#1) and curriculum development funding for Faith Formation Ministries (#15). Our daily agenda goes from 8 am to 9 pm. Also from Classis Muskegon will be Elder Steve Breuker and Deacon Louise Breuker (both from First Fremont) and Rev. Ken Krause (Big Rapids CRC). This is the sixth time I'll be a part of a Synod and I expect it to be inspirational, educational, spiritually uplifting, and exhausting. I do not see any breaks for biking, so I think I'll make a motion...

Sunday Worship, June 10:

This Sunday Pastor Doug's message will be from Mark 8:1-13, a story of Jesus' compassion which meets the needs of the world. We will also share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and World Renew (formerly the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, CRWRC).

Our Church Family:

Eric and Ellie Geers welcomed Amelia Patricia, born Tuesday morning; 6 lbs 10 oz. Thanks be to God!

Buchanan Meal Train:

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 Wolffs 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.

Young Life Fundraisers

Golf Outing - YL is hosting a golf outing this Saturday morning June 9, at 8 am 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.

Faith Promise Sunday is coming, June 24

What is Faith Promise? It is our congregation's giving to mission endeavors in various parts of our country and world, funded by members and friends, like you, and is not included in our church's annual budget. It is faith giving...trusting the Lord to meet the annual pledges for missions we support. Check out the Faith Promise bulletin board by the coffee area in the narthex for missions we currently support.

Faith Promise is about people, like us, serving the Lord in difficult and/or challenging places, because Christ has compelled them to serve others through Him. These missionaries have financial needs and prayer requests and they depend on us to do our part to help meet those needs.

Who can be involved in Faith Promise giving? It's open to you members, friends, families and newcomers to our church. When you give through Faith Promise you, the givers, receive real blessings because you are meeting tangible needs around the world. Your giving is changing lives for eternity as well as meeting physical and relational needs.

How is it done? Faith Promise giving is done through pledging and is between you and the Lord. You make your prayerful commitment to Him, write your pledge on your pledge card (bright yellow or pink) and place it in the offering plate on or before pledge Sunday that is June 24. If you will be gone then, we'll gladly receive your pledge after the 24th too!

One more thing... Be watching for a pledge card to show up in your mailbox or pick one up from the table at the back of the narthex.

Questions? Please ask Outreach Committee members Bob Barnhart, Lewis Blohm, Tyler Cook, Joe Jiran, Dave Frieling, Mariel Poel, or Bette Wagenmaker. Please join us in giving to missions at 2nd Church.

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. 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!

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of June the Deacons request soup and crackers for donation to the True North food pantry.

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!

Father's Day Ad

Newaygo County Right to Life will place an ad in the Hi-Lites on Father's Day, June 17 honoring those whose names are submitted. If you would like to include someone in the ad, place their name on the list on the literature ledge in the lobby of the church and place \$2.00 for each name in the envelope. Be sure to write the name in the In Honor of or In Memory of.

Bible League

You are invited to join Bible League volunteers on September 6, 2018 at the Friendship Christian Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. Guest speaker Liz Curtis Higgs has one goal-to help others embrace the grace of God with joy and abandon. Register online at bibleleague.org/retreat18.

Pastor Doug: A Quote From a Book I Read

Holy Spokes by Laura Everett p.30

"See how it wobbles?' she asked... We walked to the workbench and placed the [bike] wheel on a truing stand where she started 'truing the wheel.' ...

This isn't a bad process for humans either. At its most basic, 'truing' is intentionally looking for what's off. We all get out of sorts for our own reasons. Am I over-tired? Have I been around too many people? Am I hungry? Did someone cut me off today so I hit an emotional pothole? What's actually going on here? Am I really angry at this person, or at something else entirely? For me, first I notice that I'm wobbling. Then I wonder, *Why am I out of alignment?*"