

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

July 25, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Earlier this year when the Lakeside CRC in Ludington closed there were concerns for how some things would work out. Our prayers have been answered quickly and generously on the three biggest issues: 1) Selling the church property with a mortgage that was under water: A buyer agreed to a price that satisfied the bank and will be turning the facility into an adult day-care center. 2) Funding a severance provision for Pastor Cindy de Jong: The churches of Classis Muskegon contributed generously to fully fund the agreed upon package. 3) A new ministry call for Pastor Cindy: The Neland Ave CRC of Grand Rapids extended a call to her to fill their co-pastor position, and this past Sunday Cindy accepted their call and expects to begin at the beginning of September. Thanks be to God for all of these provisions and answers to prayer.

## WORSHIP SUNDAY, July 29

Mark 9:2-13 will be our text for Pastor Doug's message this Sunday, "Settle or Mettle." Elder Ann Pell will offer the congregational prayer and our offerings will be for the General Fund and TrueNorth's Tools For School program.

## Our Church Family:

**Elmer (Al) Baker's** surgery for an aortic aneurysm went well last Friday but his recovery has had some challenges as he is not able to keep food down. Pray for his recovery as he is still in Mercy Hospital in Muskegon.

Continue to pray for Dirk and Bev Kolk's one year-old great-grandson, **Eric Zerlaut**, whose little body continues to be in critical condition.

## Attention All Parents

If you are using or interested in using the Christian Education Fund for the upcoming school year, there will be an informational meeting on Sunday morning, July 29, at 11 AM in the Sanctuary to explain how this fund works and to answer questions. Please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686 if you are not able to come to this meeting.

## Christian Education Fund Pledge Drive

Please use the pledge card to let us know how much you are willing to pledge to this church ministry for the 2018 - 2019 school year. We anticipate having at least 30 children using this program at a cost of approximately \$165,000. There is a box in the church lobby for you to place your card. Please contact Ken Wolffis with any questions at 924-6591.

## Faith Promise 2018 – 2019 Update

We have received \$29,340 in pledges for our new Faith Promise year that began on July 1. This is \$10,660 below our \$40,000 goal. There is still time to make a pledge and help us reach this goal which will give each of our seven current mission organizations \$5,000 for the year and will also add the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty which will also receive \$5,000. As God continually blesses us as individuals, families and as a church body may we open our hands and give so that others will have the necessities of life and come to know about Jesus.

## Kids Hope

Last year there were 24 people from Second Church involved weekly with the Kids Hope program- 12 mentors and 12 prayer partners. What an example of Jesus in skin in our public school system. Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child this year? You will never regret the time you spend with that child each week. We would love for you to join the Kids Hope team- see Ann Pell for details.

## Advanced Notice, 55+

On Thursday, August 16, the 55+ breakfast group will meet at 8:30 AM at Brew Works. All are welcome!

## **CoffeeBreak/Story Hour needs YOU!**

1. Pray that the staffing needs will be filled: leaders and childcare staff needed.
2. Prayerfully consider whether or not you can free up your schedule to be involved as a leader or childcare staff. Call Julie Baker #928-0184 as soon as possible for questions and to indicate your willingness and availability to be involved.
3. Invite your neighborhood women and children to attend with you this fall.

## **Stock the Pantry!**

For the month of July the Deacons request cereal, pancake mix and syrup for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

## **Community**

### **TrueNorth**

TrueNorth's Tools for School program invite you for a meal and to help fill backpacks with age appropriate school supplies which will be distributed to children in need in August. Join us on Tuesday, July 31, at 11:00 am with lunch at noon at TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S Warner Ave., Fremont. RSVP to Donna Hren at 231-924-0641 ext. 144 or [dhren@truenorthservices.org](mailto:dhren@truenorthservices.org) with a complete list of those participating.

### **Blackwood Brothers Quartet**

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet will be in concert on Sunday, August 5, at 3:00 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest Drive, Fremont, MI. A free will offering will be taken.

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

“Holiness is essentially wholeness – a life that works. Sin is dysfunction or sickness. The number one spiritual sickness of our day is ‘hurry sickness.’ We are constantly in a hurry because we have overloaded our schedule. When we lack margin in our lives we become tired and lonely and joyless, which seems to invite temptation. We need margin. Margin restores balance and restores or soul, thus increasing our capacity for joy. Joy is a bulwark against temptation.”

-- James Bryan Smith, *The Good and Beautiful God* p. 130