

2nd's Matters

July 11, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk

The world has watched and waited with bated breath for news about those Thai boys and their coach. After enduring many days of stress over possible tragedy our fears have been replaced with rejoicing. A valiant rescuer perished yet the entombed soccer team has been given new life. While many are simply very happy and relieved, we are also thankful, and we know to whom our thanks are due: Thanks be to God!

Worship Sunday, July 15

The message, "The Demands of Discipleship," will be based on Mark 8:34-9:1. Our offerings will include a noisy coin offering for our local Cadets and GEMS ministries and regular offerings for the General Fund and Insight Pregnancy Services.

Our Church Family

- Pray for healing for **Dave Poel** who is recovering from back surgery, **Cole Breuker** who broke his leg the previous week, and **Charlie DeKryger** who is recovering from a motorcycle accident.
- Please pray for a spiritually valuable week and a safe return for the Young Life leaders and campers at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Second Church sent three leaders, **Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk, Kate Volz-Buchoz**, and three students, **Carly Smith, Joel VandenBerg, and Adam Ward**, along with 16 other high school students from the Fremont area. They will be returning to Fremont on Sunday.
- Pray for rain for our farmers' crops.

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

Faith Promise pledge cards are coming in and there is still time to turn yours in. To be able to reach our \$40,000 goal we need a strong commitment from members, friends and attendees. Be a part of what God is doing for missions through our Faith Promise pledging. Thank you.

Mobile Food Truck, July 18

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church Wednesday, July 18. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign the sheet on the literature ledge.

SALT, July 18:

SALT (Serving and Living Together) is a group for post high to college aged young adults that is designed to help form community in the summer months, foster relationships with other like aged young adults, and to have conversation about what it looks like to be a Christian young adult. SALT will meet at Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk's House at 8:30 on July 18 for a night of campfire and conversations.

Church Directory

We will be printing an updated church directory soon. Please notify Valerie in the church office by July 22 of changes and/or corrections of address, email, and/or phone number in the past year. If you regularly worship with us at Second and would like to have your information added to the directory, send it to 2ndcrcfremont@sbcglobal.net, call 924-0170, or write the information on a slip of paper and place it in the box on the office door.

Stock the Pantry!

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

The Banner

The Banner, the official monthly magazine of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, is available free of charge to everyone who is a member or regular attender of the Christian Reformed Church--in other words, to all members and regular attenders of Second Church. *The Banner* seeks to be an agent of information, inspiration, and renewal. Through various articles it challenges us to become all that the Lord desires us to be. Through *The Banner* you're able to get a glimpse into what's going on in other Christian Reformed churches and the impact the Christian Reformed denomination is having throughout the world. If you do not presently receive *The Banner*, we would encourage you to do so. Sample copies can be found on the literature ledge in the back of church. A sign-up sheet can be found close by. Please include your name and address.

Community

TrueNorth

TrueNorth's Tools for School program invite you to join them for a meal and to help fill backpacks with age appropriate school supplies which will be distributed to children in need in August. The event/service project is on Tuesday, July 31, at 11:00 am with a lunch being served at 12 noon at TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S Warner Ave., Fremont. RSVP to Donna Hren at 231-924-0641 ext. 144 or dhren@truenorthservices.org with a complete list of those participating.

Christian Reformed Conference Grounds

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds, 12253 Lakeshore Dr., Grand Haven, is excited to welcome the Skylight Quartet in concert on Saturday, July 14. We hope you will join us for this fantastic evening of worship! The evening will be filled with comedy, uplifting music, and four-part harmony! The doors to the Worship Center will open at 6 pm, the concert will begin at 7 pm. No tickets are needed, however, a free-will offering will be taken to help offset our music ministry. Be sure and come early and enjoy a delicious tilapia dinner served in the Sunshine Room from 5-6:30 pm!

CureUs July Events

CureUs has scheduled two events during our National Baby Food Festival.

Wednesday, July 18, 7 pm, Singer/songwriter and Atlanta native Jason Fowler will be performing and sharing his addiction recovery story about God's grace and mercy.

Sunday, July 22, 7 pm, CureUs will be sponsoring the Sunday evening Community Worship service at Veterans Memorial Park.

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.

Insight Pregnancy Services

We are on the move to 1007 W. Main St in Fremont. We will need to be out of our Newaygo location by July 17. We will need help with the packing and moving. We are looking for volunteers who could spend a few hours packing boxes, loading trucks, etc. and also folks with enclosed trucks and trailers to transport our stuff. Anyone who is interested in helping or to get more info, please call our office (231-652-1548). We anticipate moving days to be July 13-14.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"At its heart, Calvinism is simply a lens that magnifies a persistent theme in the narrative of God's self-revelation: that everything depends on God. Everything is a *gift*. This doesn't just apply to salvation -- it's true of creation itself. God created the world out of -- and for -- his pleasure, as an act of love."

— James K. A. Smith, *Letters to a Young Calvinist*. p.14-15.