

2nd's Matters

July 18, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk

"Lord, let it rain! Refresh our fields" Our farmers' fields are so terribly dry and we pray for rain to save those crops that have not already failed. The corn and beans show such evident signs of their stress -- they can't hide it. Not like we can. We can make things look good even when times are spiritually dry or we bearing some stressful load. "Lord, let you Spirit fall on us. Refresh our souls."

Worship This Sunday, July 22

Psalm 19 will be the text for Pastor MacLeod's message, "Some Awe." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

Our Church Family

- ❖ **Al Baker** will be having surgery Friday morning at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon for an aortic aneurysm. In anticipation of surgery going well he is scheduled to come home on Saturday.
- ❖ Please pray for Eric Zerlaut, **Dirk and Bev Kolk's great-grandson**. He is in DeVos Children's Hospital with heart complications. He had to have pacemaker put in Saturday and is on life support.
- ❖ Pray for those who continue to heal: **Dave Poel** (back); **Cole Breuker** (leg), **Ann Pell** (hip/thigh), **Charlie DeKryger** (neck), **Dale Lue** (neck).
- ❖ Pray for rain for our farmers' crops.

Mobile Food Truck, This afternoon, July 18

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church this afternoon. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM.

SALT, This evening, 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 meets tonight at Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk's House at 8:30 for an evening of campfire and conversations.

55+ BREAKFAST, Tomorrow, July 19

Tomorrow, Thursday, July 19, 8:30 AM--at the **Moon Dance Cafe**, 7143 W. 48th (near Walmart). All those 55 and older are most welcome.

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.

Dear Second Fremont family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your very generous and faithful quarterly support of \$1000. It's such a comfort and great encouragement to have you stand with me in this ministry. Your generosity enables me to do the work the Lord has called me to here in Germany.

Germany NEEDS the LORD! Please pray that He would rain down His Spirit on this country. Pray that lives would be transformed by His power! Pray that He would raise up more workers for this harvest field. We need workers who will Pray!, workers who will Give! and workers who will Come!

A year ago we had 6 children (often only 3) in Sunday school. This year we're busting at the seams with 29 children who are 10 or younger! The Lord is working in young families! But the workers are few...

Thank you again for your financial - and prayer - support!

Love in Christ, Vera Hansen

From the library...

New books for your summertime reading enjoyment:

Fiction

Honeysuckle Dreams – Hunter

These Healing Hills – Gabhart

Bridge to Haven (large print) – Francine Rivers

From this Day Forward – Snelling

Under the Summer Sky - Copeland

A Refuge Assured – Green

Bringing Maggie Home – Sawyer

More than Meets the Eye – Witemeyer

Non-Fiction

Refined by Fire, A Soldier's Story of 911 – Birdwell

One-Minute Inspirations for Women – George

A Young Man's Guide to Making Right Choices – George

A Young Woman's Guide to Making Right Choices – George

Worth the Risk: What would you put on the line to share God's love in Europe? – Gilberts and Becker - gift from Vera Hansen.

Church Directory

We will print an updated church directory soon. Please notify Valerie in the church office by this Sunday, 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, call 924-0170, send it to 2ndcrcfremont@sbcglobal.net, or write it on a slip of paper and place it in the box on the office door.

Stock the Pantry!

TrueNorth is grateful for 101.1 lbs of food which was donated last week. 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 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

"I will tell you what a tragedy is ... I will show you how to waste your life. Consider a story from the February 1998 edition of *Reader's Digest* which tells about a couple who 'took early retirement from their jobs in the Northeast five years ago when he was 59 and she was 51. Now they live in Punta Gorda, Florida, where they cruise on their 30-foot trawler, play softball and collect shells.' At first, when I read it I thought it might be a joke. A spoof on the American Dream. But it wasn't. Tragically this was the dream: Come to the end of your life—your one and only precious, God-given life—and let the last great work of your life before you give an account to your Creator be this: playing softball and collecting shell. Picture them before Christ at the great day of judgment:

'Look, Lord. See my shells.' That is a tragedy."

--John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*. p. 46