

2nd's Matters

September 5, 2018

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Once a year, for continuing education, I make arrangements to attend a structured class or conference relevant to pastoral ministry. Next week I will be traveling to Texas to attend the Institute for Expository Preaching where I expect to learn a thing or two.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, September 9

In beginning our educational ministries for the coming year this Sunday we will commission our students and teachers and our new Children's Ministry Coordinator Mary Folkema. Additionally we will celebrate God's covenant with his people in the sacrament of baptism for Rijk Buchannan. Rijk's brother Liam will play his violin and Pastor Doug's message will be from Mark 10:1-16, "Inventory or Receiving?" Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Fremont Young Life.

Our Church Family:

Grace Baker is moving into the Newaygo Medical Care Facility this afternoon. **Al Baker** has moved back into their home on West Lake Dr.

Basic Kickoff: September 8

This Saturday, September 8 at 2:00 pm, BASIC is having a kickoff event to have some fun in the sun and meet their new BASIC Youth Director, Kyle Mullin. All middle school students are invited, and we hope you invite a friend too! See Zach for information. We can't wait to get started, and hope to see you there.

All Church Potluck: September 9

As we begin the church school year, let's celebrate by eating and fellowshiping together. Everyone, members and guests, are invited. If your last name begins with A-K please bring a cold dish. If your last name begins with L-Z please bring a hot dish. Please bring generous portions so there is plenty for everyone. Everything else including rolls, drinks, dessert, table service and paper products will be provided. We will eat in the basement fellowship hall as soon as the church school classes dismiss around 11:30. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy God's good gifts.

Student Ministries Room Rearrange (or "Pardon our Dust"):

Starting September 9, many of our Student Ministries will be meeting in new rooms, and all of our programs (including the infant nursery) will be meeting in the basement. During this transition time we ask that you bear with us as we repaint walls, move furniture and redo signage. If you have any questions, please feel free to come talk with Zach Van Wyk.

2018-2019 Sunday School Classes and Teachers

5th and 6th grade –Ashlyn Volz and Kate Volz

7th and 8th grade – Pastor Doug MacLeod and Carol DeWeerd

High School – Zach Van Wyk and Joe Jiran

Mid-Week Bible Study: September 12

Beginning September 12, Bob Broekema and Doug MacLeod will co-lead, on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons each month, a study of *Reformed: What It Means, Why It Matters*. Open to everyone, we will meet for discussion and refreshments in the Fireside Room from 2-3 pm. Schedules and books are available on the literature rack.

Calling all Musicians:

Do you like playing an instrument, or singing in a group? Are you interested in being part of our Sunday Morning worship team? If you are considering joining our worship team please come talk with Pastor Doug or Zach Van Wyk about your interest.

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of September, the Deacons request peanut butter and jelly for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

Coffee Break: September 18

Women - With the power of the Holy Spirit the simple beginnings of the early church was able to reach the entire Roman world. Humanly impossible but with God's power and guidance anything is possible! Join Coffee Break on September 18 as we begin our study of the book of Acts. Better yet, bring a neighbor or friend. All women are welcome, regardless of background, education, or age. There is always room at the table!

Preschool Children also are welcome to join Story Hour. This is a great free opportunity for structured activities related to a weekly Bible story. Questions Call Karen Admiraal #335-2285 or Julie Baker #928-0184.

Community

Wellspring Adult Day Service

Are you caring for a loved one at home with memory loss or other health concerns? Could you use some rest, help and support? Wellspring is a safe place where you can bring your loved one for the day. Please contact Tammy Cowley at 231.638.8786 for more information on our adult day service.

GriefShare: September 6

We welcome anyone who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare group. This 14-week course offers help and support to those who are grieving. A new session will begin on Thursday, September 6 from 6:30-8:30pm and runs on consecutive Thursdays with an open-door policy. There is a \$10 fee for a personal workbook which will assist you on your grief journey. We look forward to walking with you on your journey. Sessions will be held at First CRC, 721 Hillcrest Drive, Fremont. Registration (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning but not required. For additional information about the program, you can check out the website at www.griefshare.org.

Transitional Health Services: September 21

On Friday, September 21 from 10 AM-2 PM, Transitional Health Services, 4554 W. 48th St., Fremont, is hosting our 3rd Annual Harvest Health Fair. People can come by to get free health screenings, information, be entered into raffle prize drawings, get a free taco lunch, and check out the old tractors that will be on display.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"How might we access wisdom, compassion, hospitality and other forms of life for which there is no app?"

-- David Dark, *Life's Too Short to Pretend You're Not Religious*, p. 107.