

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

October 31, 2018

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Today is known by some as Reformation Day. 501 years ago, Martin Luther, a young monk, posted 95 statements that challenged the church's understanding of how "the gospel of the glory and grace of God" was communicated. With appreciation for the sweet truth of the gospel, anyone who comes to our home this evening in a costume and cries out at our door, "Happy Reformation Day," will receive double candy!

## Worship This Sunday, November 4

In conjunction with the ecclesiastical observance of All Saints Day, we will recall those of Second Church who have died over the past year and we will celebrate God's grace for his people in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Pastor MacLeod's message, "Dear Friends", will be based on 1 John 2:29-3:3; 4:7-12. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the CRC's relief ministry, World Renew.

## Our Church Family

**Dee Rauwerda** had surgery on Monday in Mesa, AZ to remove a portion of her big toe that had a bone infection.

**Harold Visscher** is in his last days at Rest Haven in Grand Rapids. He is being kept comfortable with hospice care. His son Alan thanks the Second Church community for our kindness to his dad.

**New floor tile** has been laid around the serving counter and kitchen area in the lobby.

## Young Life Fall Weekend, November 2-4

This Friday Ben DeWeerd, Jonathan Mellema, Vincent Mellema, and Joel VandenBerg will be headed to Young Life's Fall Weekend along with 27 other Fremont High School Students and leaders, including Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk, and Kate Volz. Pray for safety and that students from Fremont hear the good news of the salvation story for them.

## Matamoros Auction, Saturday, November 3

Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock St, Fremont, invites everyone to an auction to support the work of our churches in Matamoros, Mexico. 500 - 6:15 Mexican Dinner (by donation) with a Silent Auction during dinner. 6:15. Pinata for kids followed by childcare. 6:30 Live auction with the Rottier brothers and Dan Folkema.

## Christmas Send-A-Card Program:

Second Church has the opportunity to again provide Christmas cards for those prisoners involved in the Crossroads Prison Ministries Bible study program. Flyers with instructions will be in your mailboxes on Sunday and will also be near the ledge in the back of church. All cards may be deposited in the marked box in the lobby. Deadline is **Sunday, November 11**. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (335-2285).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday's Adult Education

Plan ahead now to attend a new adult education class at 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held the second Sunday of each month, hence, its name will be 2nd Sundays! Our first meeting will take place on November 11 and will feature John Barkel, the principal of Fremont Christian School and Ken Haggart, superintendent of Fremont Public Schools. They will discuss how each school sees their "community" and what our role as Christians is in serving that community. Plan now to attend!

## All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 18, 11:30 am

Join in on this annual festive feast. Sign-up on the sheets on the center of the literature ledge for bringing warm vegetables, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cheesy potatoes, salad, dessert or pie.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes for ARO (Appalachia Reach Out)

It's almost time to fill Christmas boxes for children in Inez, KY served by ARO. Our congregation responded so generously last year and now we have the opportunity to fill more boxes this year. We have 70 boxes and they will be out on Sunday, November 4 with information on ages and necessary instructions. Boxes need to be filled, wrapped, and returned by Sunday, November 25. Remember you just need to wrap the

container but not the individual items in the container. Thank you for reaching out in the name of Christ to children in Kentucky who will be delighted to receive a box of fun things...just for them!

### **Financial Need at the Karin Medical Clinic**

It has been brought to the attention of the Outreach Committee that the Karin Medical Clinic in Gulu, Uganda is in a deficit financial situation and currently needs about \$8,000. Outreach is encouraging friends and members of 2nd Church to give a special gift to help erase this deficit. Your gift should go through 2nd Church and your check should indicate that it is for the "special need at the clinic". All funds received through individual gifts are over and above the annual \$4,000.00 of support that we send to the clinic through our Faith Promise giving. The Deacons assigned the special envelope offering on November 11 for Karin Medical Clinic.

### **Small Group Survey**

Are you interested in digging deeper into the Word with a small group of people? The Discipleship Committee has put out a survey (located in mailboxes and on the literature ledge) concerning our small group ministry and individuals interest in becoming involved in a small group. We would love it if you would take 3 minutes and fill out a survey for you/your family and return it to the box on Zach's office door by October 28.

### **Kids' Hope USA**

November is the month to pray for the Kids Hope USA program - please pray for all the mentors and prayer partners of 2nd Church. Pray also for the children who are being mentored; pray that God will work in the lives of all. Thank God that lives can be changed through this program - the mentees, mentors and prayer partners. Thank God that we attend a church willing to support this valuable ministry.

#### Mentor

Malinda Ward  
Jane Van Ostenberg  
Gail Wagenmaker  
Rebekah Mellema  
Zach VanWyk  
Ann Pell  
Stephanie DeKuiper  
Jody Cook  
Melinda Barnhart  
Kristi Visser  
Jenn Mellema  
Jason DeKuiper  
Jeff Breuker  
Heidie Snyder

#### Prayer Partner

Pat Boyd  
Mary Boven  
Al Wagenmaker  
Mary V Folkema  
Jon Wolffis  
Marcia Kolk  
Karen Admiraal  
Sylvia DeKuiper  
Cathy MacLeod  
Melanie DeKryger  
Marique Buchanan  
Tyler Cook  
Paul Mellema  
Chelsea Breuker

In addition, Mary Breuker and Jo Cook are prayer partners praying over and for the entire program. A special thanks also to Julie Karnemaat our prayer coordinator and to Sherry Lue our party planner. Praise God for this level of involvement!!

### **Stock the Pantry!**

For the month of November, the Deacons request spaghetti sauce and pasta or rice for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

## **Community**

**First CRC** is honoring and celebrating the Veterans of our community. Veterans, along with their spouses, are invited to a special Veterans Breakfast on Sunday, November 11, from 7:30-9:00 (721 Hillcrest).

### **First CRC**

First CRC invites you to two special evening worship services. On Sunday, November 11, West Michigan Teen Challenge will lead worship in music and testimony. West Michigan Teen Challenge works with people overcoming addiction through the power of Jesus. On Sunday, December 2, the Chamber Choir from Western Michigan Christian High School will lead worship in music. Both services begin at 6:00 pm.

### **Pastor Doug: A Quote from History**

"The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God." Martin Luther, Thesis #62 posted on the door of the Wittenberg Castle church in Wittenberg, Germany, reportedly on Oct 31, 1517