

2nd's Matters

January 16, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk:

This coming Monday the nation observes a federal holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, established by the signature of President Reagan in 1983. Did you know that some southern states recognize the day for the birthday of Robert E. Lee, the General in Chief of the Armies of the Confederacy? This seems a curious juxtaposition of observances but really not so peculiar when you realize the extent of divergent value systems existing within our nation. It wasn't until rather late in the game, 1954, that Congress added the phrase, "one nation under God" to our pledge of allegiance to our national flag. National issues, pledges, flags, allegiances as they may be, we testify that our first allegiance is to the Lamb upon the throne and to his kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

Sunday Worship, January 20

We will welcome to our pulpit Mr. Daniel Meyers who is a student at Calvin Theological Seminary and is supported by Classis Muskegon. Mr. Meyers is a member of Calvin CRC in Muskegon and his classical liaison is our own Rev. Bob Broekema. He will preach from John 1:1-14, "One Word, One Light." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the children's Noisy Coin for Insight Pregnancy Services. Pastor MacLeod will be preaching in the Ellsworth, MI CRC for the sake of leading the ordination and installation service for James Zwier.

This Sunday on the Sanctity of Life Sunday, the Noisy Coin Offering will be supporting Insight Pregnancy Services. Information can be found in your church mailbox that gives more information on their mission and work they do in this community.

Our Church Family:

Congratulations to **Wes and Melissa Miller** who welcome a son, **Leopold W.** (they will call him Leo), born on Saturday, January 12.

Randy Pell will be having open heart by-pass surgery tomorrow in Grand Rapids. He expects to be in the hospital for 3-5 days.

Jane Vogel will be having surgery on her right foot at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon this Thursday and anticipates a six-month rehabilitation.

Grace Portenga is the oldest member of our congregation and this Friday she turns 98!

Mobile Food Truck, Today, January 16

The Mobile Food Truck will be at Second Church this afternoon. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM.

55+ Breakfast, Thursday, January 17

55+ breakfast will be at Brew Works on Thursday, January 17, at 8:30 AM. All those aged 55 and older are most welcome.

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and kind words following the death of our dad and grandpa and great-grandpa, Jerry Wolffis.

Ken and Jane Wolffis, Jon and Elizabeth Wolffis, Lizzie and Zach Van Wyk

Council Nominations

The Council is accepting nominations for new Council members to serve a 3 year term starting in July 2019. Please inform Matt Mellema, Council president, if you would like to serve or would like to nominate someone.

Sports Trophies Available to Take Home

Did you or someone in your family play on a 2nd church sports team years ago? Even better, did your team or you as an individual win a trophy? We are making the trophies currently in the Fireside/library room available for you have, if you're interested. They will all be on a table in the library starting Sunday, January 20 and for the next couple of weeks. So, help yourself!

Stock the Pantry!

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

Community

January Series

The *January Series* of Calvin College is video streamed live at the Dogwood Center, from 12:30-1:30 PM. The lectures are free and open to the public. Both the Black Box and Main Stage areas are available for seating. Attendees may bring their lunch or order a lunch for \$5 by calling (231) 924-8885. Please give 24 hour notice if you would like a lunch.

Wednesday, January 16 – William Powers “Sustainability, Happiness and the ‘Slow’ Movement”

Thursday, January 17 – Erik W. Carter “Incomplete without You: The Church and People with Disabilities”

Friday, January 18 – Ruth Carter “The Art of Storytelling Through Costume Design”

Monday, January 21 – Willie Jennings “The Christians Imagination: Theology and Origins of Race”

Tuesday, January 22 – Rachael Denhollander “A Time to Speak: Addressing Justice and Forgiveness”

Wednesday, January 23 – Mary Robinson “Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future”

March for Life, Saturday, January 19

Newaygo County Right to Life will hold a March for Life on January 19. The march will begin at noon at the American Decency building at the corner of Main and Darling in Fremont. All are welcome to join us.

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

A new class begins January 21 through February 25, six Monday evenings from 7-9, in the Fremont Rec Center, lower level. Cost is \$50 whether a couple or single. Contact Sharon Deur at 616-219-4392 sharond.outpost@gmail.com. Check out loveandlogic.com for testimonials and more information.

WMC

Western Michigan Christian High School is seeking applications for a Head JV Baseball Coach. Candidates must have strong communication skills and an excitement for working with high school student athletes. Western Michigan Christian is committed to developing athletes of high Christian character that represent our school and community in a positive way. Contact: Athletic Director: Kurt Gruppen mrgruppen@wmchs.net

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

““The Word says God don't give us credit for lovin' the folks we want to love anyway. No, He gives us credit for loving the unlovable. The perfect love of God don't come with no conditions...”

— Ron Hall & Denver Moore, *Same Kind of Different as Me*.

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