

2nd's Matters

February 20, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Two months from now Cathy and I anticipate the birth of our fourth grandchild. Currently, we have two grand-daughters in Wisconsin and one in Washington, but this next one will be in Grand Rapids. We are excited about the prospects of grandparenting at such close range. High-tech (eg. skype) is wonderful but nowhere near as wonderful as high-touch. The same is true for being members of a church. See you again this Sunday!

Sunday Worship, February 24

The Synod of Dort clarified for the church that believers have a God-glorifying faith, a God-centered life, and a God-given comfort. This Sunday as we conclude the series on the Doctrines of Grace the fifth letter of FAITH stands for "Held By God." Our spiritual and eternal security resides in God's promises and strength. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the Campus Ministry at Ferris State University.

Classis Muskegon

Classis Muskegon (a regional group of twenty Christian Reformed congregations) meets during the day this Thursday, February 21, at the Fruitport CRC. Second Church is sending Deacon Marlene Frens, Elder Karen Admiraal, and Rev. Douglas MacLeod as delegates. Also attending the meeting from Second Church will be Fred Bultman (Treasurer) and Bob Broekema (member of the Classical Ministry Leadership Team and Safe Church Team).

55+ Breakfast

55+ meets at Brew Works, this Thursday, February 21, at 8:30 AM. This is a social gathering without an agenda and is open to everyone. We order breakfast from the menu and enjoy an hour of conversation and visiting.

Our Church Family:

John Mellema sustained a concussion last Thursday. He is spending a few days this week receiving therapy at Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids.

A sincere thank you for welcoming **Leopold W** into this loving and supportive church family. The thoughtful cards and gifts as well as the delicious meals and visits have truly blessed our family. It is a comfort and joy to know that Leo will be a part of this body of Christ and have strong role models to look up to.

With gratitude, The Miller Family

Attention Church Volunteers

Are you interested in spending time with other church volunteers to pause and celebrate the many people who make ministry possible? **Inspire 2019** is a 3-day event in Windsor, Ontario on August 1-3. Join others from across our denomination and choose from over 75 ministry workshops, listen to dynamic keynote speakers, and connect with people from more than 1,000 CRC congregations. Information can be found at cena.org/Inspire or on the literature ledge in the narthex.

Stock the Pantry!

For the month of February, the Deacons request macaroni and cheese, canned meat (tuna, chicken). Thank you all who donated to the pantry last month. Second Church donated 81.5 pds of cereal, pancake mix and syrup to help feed people in Newaygo County.

Community

Fremont Young Life's 45th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to join us tonight for a club and dessert banquet to celebrate Fremont Young Life's 45th Anniversary at 7:56 in the club room on the second floor of the Fremont Rec Center. Come casual, to have some fun, and hear more about the work Young Life is doing in Fremont.

Black History Month:

Sunday, February 24 at 3:00 PM, The Angel Community Church (CRC), 446 Ada Ave, Muskegon, invites us to join them for an afternoon of history, reflection, and inspiration in a celebration of African American history. Dr. John Mondri and the praise team of the African Community Fellowship CRC in Grand Rapids will be leading the program.

GriefShare

Widowed? Help is here and hope is possible! Do you dread the lonely days and nights? Wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings? Feel like your brain is in a fog? Unsure of how you'll go on? At the Loss of a Spouse Seminar you'll discover the answers to these and much more. Please attend on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at First CRC, 721 Hillcrest. You can call ahead, but it's not mandatory, to register at 231-924-2460.

MOSES

MOSES (Making OurSelves Equipped Servants) is accepting registrations for two trips:

March 28 - April 6 to Panama City Florida for hurricane recovery

July 9-21 to Ensenada Baja Mexico for VBS, construction and sewing classes

Teens age 14 or in at least 9th grade are welcome. There is also a need for adults to drive, mentor and chaperone. Contact Judy VanderArk at 616-949-0344 or mosesjudy@gmail.com

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"Some folks are not fond of the word, but *liturgy* means the "order of service" or the "acts of worship." In other words, everything that happens between the time you arrive and the time you leave is liturgy. It may be formal or informal, spontaneous or carefully structured, the same every week or different each time, but it's the liturgy. Some traditions put a lot of emphasis on a carefully structured liturgy and others do their best to avoid looking like they are "liturgical."... [but] liturgy has power -- more power than most churches acknowledge."

— Howard Vanderwell, "Caring Worship" p. 10-11

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