

2nd's Matters

April 10, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk: Along with waiting for Spring -- in its appointed time, there is the long season of Lent with its time of expectation for the new life of Easter. Additionally, this year and this season have for Cathy and me the anticipation of the arrival of a new granddaughter. While Spring and Easter typically nicely coincide this year we have this third factor gaining our anticipation. Thanking God for good things when they arrive is fitting, but so also it is right to give thanks for reasons to be eager!

Sunday Worship, April 14. Palm Sunday

We will have the children begin the service entering with palm branches and a children's choir leading the congregation in singing, "Hosanna." Pastor MacLeod's message, "It Was Already Late" will be from Mark 11:1-11. Our offerings will be for the General Fund and the Karin Medical Clinic.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 PM

You are invited to a combined worship service of the Fremont Area Christian Reformed Churches on Maundy Thursday evening. The service will be a Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service in which we join together at the Lord's Table in commemoration of the sufferings and death of Christ. The service will take place at Reeman Christian Reformed Church, 6121 S. Fitzgerald.

Good Friday, April 19, 7 PM

The Fremont area combined Christian Reformed Churches will hold a service focusing on the Seven Last Words of Christ. This will be a communion service held at First Christian Reformed Church.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Esther Jiran asks for prayers for her mother, Etta Peterson, who suffered a stroke last week. She is currently stable, but we would appreciate your prayers as she faces physical therapy and recovery.

Dee Rauwerda will be having surgery on her foot tomorrow in Arizona.

EVENTS

FYSH Easter Plant Sale

We will accept late orders for the FYSH Easter Plant Sale. Proceeds from the sale of Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will go towards student mission trip accounts. Any questions? Contact Zach by calling or emailing the church office.

Men's Lenten Breakfast, this Friday, 7 am

This weekly gathering continues this Friday, 7 am, right here at Second Church. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. If you would like to help out, contact John Mellema.

Congregational Meeting, April 14

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday, April 14, in the sanctuary following the morning worship service. This will be an informational and discussion meeting regarding our congregational finances. Information is available in mailboxes and on the literature ledge. This will be in preparation for the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15.

Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, April 17

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church on Wednesday, April 17. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge.

GEMS Sunday, April 28

Mark Your Calendars! The GEMS Sunday service will be held at Trinity CRC on April 28, at 5:30. Please join the GEMS girls in worship, and learn about their theme this year!

GEMS Cake Auction, April 29

The GEMS cake auction to raise money for the girls to attend GEMS camp this summer will be held on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 at Reeman CRC. Please come to support the girls!

FROM OUR DEACONS

Stock the Pantry

For the month of April, the Deacons request canned fruit and vegetables.

Senior Luncheon, Sunday, April 28

It's that time of the year again when the Deacons look forward to hosting the seniors of our congregation to a special meal. All seniors are invited to join us for a soup and salad luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, April 28. We ask that you sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Renew Disaster Response Services

World Renew DRS along with the Newaygo County Emergency Operations Center continue efforts locally in Newaygo County to assist in the clean-up of some of the homes affected by the recent flooding. They are looking for volunteers to help out with this ongoing situation. The work is exclusively cleanup and "muck-out" work...tearing out wet drywall, carpet, and other materials from flooded homes and hauling that material to dumpsters which are already on site near the affected area. DRS has trained volunteer leaders assisting with the work in this area. The remaining cleanup dates are this Wednesday and Friday. Click the following link to register to help <https://worldrenew.net/spring-storms-2019>

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"There is no plant in the ground
But tells of your beauty, O Christ
There is no creature on the earth
There is no life in the sea
But proclaims your goodness.
There is no bird on the wing
There is no star in the sky
There is nothing beneath the sun
But is full of your blessing.

Lighten my understanding of your presence all around, O Christ
Kindle my will to be caring for creation."

-- J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Prayers from Iona*, p. 39

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