

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

April 17, 2019

## From Your Pastor's Desk

Holy Week is solemn in its own right and traditionally somber in worship expressions. Our worship services on Thursday and Friday will reflect this. This year the Christian church adds prayers of lament for historic houses of worship which have burned, prayers of intercession for those affected by the fires, and prayers for wisdom for those who will interpret and respond to these events. In addition to the dramatic and traumatic fire in the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, three historic black churches in Louisiana were recently burned to the ground. All of these are cherished places; each one a place where people engaged with the living God -- the One who brings life out of death.

## Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7 PM, Reeman CRC

All 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, First CRC

The Fremont CRC Good Friday worship will be at First CRC at 7 pm. It will be Tenebrae style, including times of scripture reading, reflection, prayer, and song. The service will conclude with communion.

## Easter Sunday Worship, April 21

Bring your friends and family to celebrate God's gift of Easter. We will have brass instruments and our Youth Choir contributing to our music. Pastor Doug is preparing an Easter message based on Mark 16:1-8. We will conclude the service with an invitation to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus." There will be a noisy coin offering for Feed My Starving Children and an offering for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

## Our Church Family

**Harold and Win Kolk** are moving today to Waterford Place in Jenison.  
**Brad Gilliland** expects to have a hernia surgically repaired next Tuesday.

## Events

### Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, April 17

The mobile food truck will be at Second Church this afternoon. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM.

### Men's Lenten Breakfast, Friday, April 19, 7 AM.

This Friday is the final breakfast at 7 AM at the Fremont United Methodist Church, 351 Butterfield Street. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00.

### 55+ Breakfast, Friday, April 19, 8:30 AM

We meet at Brew Works. 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.

### 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 service. 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!

### GEMS Service 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, Monday, 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!

## **College Care Cards**

Each Christmas and Spring the Discipleship Team puts together care packages for our college students. This Spring, instead of care packages we will be sending coffee gift cards to our college students. If you would like to donate towards these gift cards please place it in the offering plate and designate it that way on an envelope or drop off your donation to the church office. Donations will be collected until April 28.

## **Your Church Library**

New fiction books are here for your reading enjoyment. You'll find them in the library/Fireside room near the signup sheets. Books from the recent IF Gathering are labeled and grouped together in the nonfiction section.

Stop by and browse the library. It's a valuable resource that is here for you. We are working hard to make the collection useful for spiritual growth with books on the Christian life, Bible study materials, marriage, parenting, prayer, current issues, biographies and more. There is also a nice selection of fiction titles. Books and DVDs for kids and students will be added in the near future.

Library team  
Melinda Barnhart  
Bette Wagenmaker

## **Easter Flowers**

If you ordered flowers from FYSH to take home before Easter you may pick them up at church Friday.

## **Stock the Pantry:**

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

## **Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read**

“The timing here makes us a bit uncomfortable, doesn't it? It is a little strange singing, 'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna' when we remember that it's a tomb, not a palace, in which he'll spend the weekend. There's something wrong with making Palm Sunday a junior Easter celebration, honoring Christ the king, when we know that this coronation will be completed with a crown of thorns.... It doesn't fit because the next time he's labeled king of the Jews it'll be part of some joke hanging over his bloody head.... Neither the crowd who honored Jesus Christ on Sunday nor the soldiers who nailed the charge above his head on Friday had much of an idea just how right they were.” --J.R. VanTholen, *Where All Hope Lies*, p. 87-88

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