

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

April 24, 2019

## From Your Pastor's Desk:

Easter isn't just one day -- it is an entire season. Formally, it is the fifty days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, which makes it, appropriately, even longer than Lent!

Cathy and I have a friend whose brain processes words just a bit off center. For example, she will write "defiantly" when she means to write "definitely" and so we are charmed when she writes "I will defiantly pray for you." For Easter she wrote on Facebook: "He is raisin!" Easter doesn't fix everything, but it changes everything such that we learn to live into joy, and there is Easter joy to be found no matter what our situation may be.

## Sunday Worship, April 28

**CADETS:** Our morning worship service will give thanks to God for our Cadet ministry. The Cadets and their leaders will lead portions of the service and Pastor Doug will provide a message from 2 Corinthians 9:8, "Be a Blessing." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Cadets.

**GEMS:** We will have an evening worship service to recognize and celebrate our GEMS ministry. The service will be held at Trinity CRC beginning at 5:30. Our GEMS and leaders will lead the service and Rev. Nate Kooistra will provide a message. The offering will be for GEMS.

## Our Church Family

**Brad Gilliland** had a hiatal hernia repaired yesterday in Grand Rapids and expects to be coming home today.

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Esther Jiran**, whose mother, Etta Peterson, passed away Friday. The funeral was held yesterday. Please pray for Esther and her family as they go through this difficult time.

## Events

### FCS Annual Auction, Friday, April 26

Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 PM and the Live Auction will begin at 7:00 PM at the Fremont Christian School gymnasium, 208 Hillcrest. Come out for a delicious meal, and a great auction!

### Senior Luncheon, Sunday, April 28

This Sunday the Deacons will host 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. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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!

## **Parents of Graduates**

Check your email inbox for a message regarding the annual graduation celebration booklet. Please respond by May 8. Photos can be emailed or dropped off to the office.

## **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.

## **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 resurrection is not a set piece. It is not an isolated demonstration of divine dazzlement... Since the resurrection is God’s mighty transhistorical Yes to the historically crucified Son, we can assert that the crucifixion is the most important historical event that has ever happened. ...The resurrection ratifies the cross as *the way* “until He comes.”

-- Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*, p. 44

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