

2nd's Matters

April 3, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Let me answer a question you might not have asked. Last Wednesday the church group studying the book, *Reformed: What It Means Why It Matters* recalled that we worship on Sundays -- the first day of the week -- in recognition that Jesus rose on the first day of the week. Thus, every Sunday is a "little Easter" and a reminder of our new life in Christ. We are now four weeks into the season of Lent which is a 40-day period from Ash Wednesday (this year, March 6) until Easter (April 21). However, if you take the effort to count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter you will count 46 days. Did you know that? If so, have you ever wondered why that is? The answer is because formally, Sundays are not counted as part of Lent. Sundays even during Lent, are "little Easters" recalling and anticipating the "big" Easter. Without counting the six Sundays in Lent, there are 40 days of Lent.

Sunday Worship, April 7. The Fifth Sunday in Lent.

The next story in Mark 14:43-52 tells of the failure of the disciples. Our failures, as grievous as they are, are all fully met by Christ in his death and resurrection. That reassuring truth will be our invitation to share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Our Youth Praise Team will sing during the offering of our gifts for the General Fund and GEMS.

EVENTS

FYSH Easter Plant Sale:

Please check your church mail box or the literature ledge for the FYSH Easter Plant Sale order forms! The Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulips which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on Good Friday (April 19). The money and orders forms must be in by April 9 for guaranteed pick up on April 19, but late orders will be accepted. 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, Friday 7 am.

This seasonal community weekly gathering continues this Friday, 7 am, Friday, April 5 at First Reformed Church, 348 E Main St. There is a suggested donation of \$3.00. All men of the community are encouraged to attend.

Friday, April 12 – Second Church will be hosting the Men's Lenten breakfast. If you would like to help out, contact John Mellema.

Congregational Meeting, April 14

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

Mobile Food Truck, 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.

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 DRS

World Renew DRS along with the Newaygo County Emergency Operations Center have begun efforts locally in Newaygo County to assist in cleanup 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 cleanup dates are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from March 29 through April 12. Thank you for considering helping in these efforts to serve right here in our own backyard! Click the following link to register for the dates you are available to help <https://worldrenew.net/spring-storms-2019>

*Please note that some of these homes will already be affected by mold, so this may not be a good job for people with respiratory issues.

Community

The Pilgrim's Progress, Friday, April 5

It's a story that has captivated readers for hundreds of years – "The Pilgrim's Progress." Now this epic allegory of the Christian faith by John Bunyan has been made into an enthralling animated movie for viewers of all ages. Join us for free showings of this family film at American Decency, 203 E Main St, Fremont on Friday, April 5 at 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM.

The Ball Brothers in Concert, Sunday April 7

Ferrysburg Community Church is presenting a concert featuring Christian music artists The Ball Brothers. Plan to join us April 7 at 7:00 PM at 17785 Mohawk Drive in Spring Lake. No tickets are required but a free will offering will be taken. For further information, visit www.theballbrothers.com or call the church at 616-842-3880 or the Schaafs at 231-206-2964.

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