

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

August 14, 2019

**From the Youth Pastor's Desk:** August is one of my favorite months of the year. The days are warm, the nights are cool. Students are hitting the fields and courts in preparation of fall sports. Ministry seasons are being planned and prayed over. August is full of beginnings and things not quite completed. In a lot of ways, that is kind of how our lives as Christians work. We hold onto strongly the here and now but with excitement and anticipation look forward to the greater reality that is to come. I believe that is what causes the tension that we feel of as people who seek to do what God asks of us while knowing that every day in big ways we will fall short and make mistakes. I wonder what it would look like if we all could see ourselves through the lens of grace and love that God looks at us through. Who in your life needs an extra measure of grace today – how can you embody that God-ordained grace to them?

## Sunday Worship, August 18

Pastor Doug will introduce the theme of the Fourth Commandment with Exodus 20:8-11 and Luke 10:38-42 regarding the Lord's Day; "Develop an Attitude." A Noisy Coin offering for Camp Tall Turf will be received by the children and our Deacons will accept our offerings for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

## Bulletin Cover Art

Children and students are invited to produce some artwork for each of the ten commandments to be used on the bulletin cover. We'd like to include creative interpretations each week on the cover of our bulletin. This Sunday our theme is the Fourth Commandment which addresses the gift of the Sabbath. You can submit your art to the church office.

## Our Church Family

Please be in prayer for the **GEMS camp** which will be held August 18 through August 23, at Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya. Our Fremont club has eleven girls attending. Please pray for a wonderful and safe time of learning more about the Lord and the new friendships to be made!

## Congregational News

### 55+ Breakfast, Friday, August 16

All are welcomed to join a gathering for breakfast at Moon Dance Café, at 8:30 AM. This is a social gathering without an agenda and is open to everyone. We order breakfast and enjoy an hour of conversation and visiting.

### Kids Hope

"**You really can change the world if you care enough**" - Do you want to be a world changer for a child this year? Be a Kids Hope Mentor- see Ann Pell for details.

### All-church Potluck, Sunday, September 8

Summer has been grand, but school will soon be here  
Let's have a kickoff potluck to begin the year  
The date is Sunday, September 8  
More details will follow, but save that date!

### Matamoros Outreach 2020

Second Church has been assigned the dates of January 11, to January 18, 2020 as our church's week for volunteers to work in Matamoros, Mexico. Matamoros is a border town to Brownsville, Texas. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and possibly volunteering to serve, please contact Sylvia DeKuiper at 231-519-0425 or Mike DeKuiper at 231-335-6171.

## **Library News**

You'll want to check your mailboxes for a list of new books for adults being added to our library's collection. These books will be on a table in the narthex ready for checking out, starting on Sunday, August 18 and are some great non-fiction reads! More kids books will be coming soon!

## **New Nursery Volunteer Notification System**

We have begun using Planning Center Services for our nursery scheduling, and email reminders will replace the postcards that we used previously. You should have received an email from Planning Center Services with login information. If you didn't receive an email, or if you have any questions about using this program, please contact Mary V. Folkema.

## **From the Deacons**

The Christian Reformed Church's World Renew Disaster Response Services has been working in Newaygo County and the Fremont area this summer repairing homes damaged by Spring flooding. World Renew invites us to join in partnering to help our neighbors. have been coordinating with all parties involved in order to make use of local volunteers. If you would like to help with drywall, painting, flooring, or simply helping out give Doug and Mary Van Der Meulen a call at (269) 207-5328.

## **Christian Education Fund**

The Christian Education fund will continue for the coming school year as it has in the past. In order to ensure that our pledges match our tuition this year, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a pledge or an increase of your current pledge. The pledge cards and a box to place them in is in the narthex by the door exiting the sanctuary next to the library. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis.

## **Portico Construction**

Please use the mid-level door on the east side of the church for entering the church during the day when the office is open while the portico construction is going on.

## **Stock the Pantry**

For August, the requested items are macaroni and cheese, and canned meat (tuna, chicken).

## **Harvest Table**

If you have garden produce that you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home. Any produce left will be donated to TrueNorth for distribution.

## **Zach Van Wyk – Author's I've been processing lately:**

"Believe in yourself," this is what I want you to think about. Don't believe in yourself in such a way that you think you can accomplish anything on your own. You can't. To believe in yourself means to believe that God made you and there is no one like you, that you have a unique call to courage, and that you can do the thing that is staring you in the face."

— Annie F. Downs, Let's All Be Brave: Living Life with Everything You Have

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