

2nd's Matters

August 21, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk:

Especially in the summer, you can experience it. It is that distinctly pleasant smell that briefly anticipates and accompanies a rain after a dry spell. Recently I learned that there is a word for it: "petrichor" is the noun for that ephemeral fragrance. Words are important because they help us get a handle on reality. Additionally, I believe that the Word of God is how we get a handle on the truth about reality.

Sunday Worship, August 25

Pastor Doug will begin with the first of four aspects regarding the fourth commandment. Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Exodus 16:21-30 in preparation for the message, "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing." We will welcome Wendy Kops in providing musical leadership. Wendy is being considered for our position of Music Director. Our offerings this Sunday will be for the General Fund and Western Michigan Christian High 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 and "ceasing" as an aspect of the gift of the Sabbath. You can submit your art to the church office.

Our Church Family

Our sympathies are extended to **Evie Afman** whose mother, Sena Helms, passed away this past Sunday morning. Visitation is at Stroo's Funeral Home in Cutlerville, MI on Saturday, August 24 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm and Monday, August 26 at Second Byron Center CRC from 10-10:45 am before the funeral service which is at 11:00.

For years, **Kathie Jordan** attended our evening worship services, served with the Food Truck, and participated in our 55+ breakfast gatherings. She passed away yesterday, August 20. A funeral service will be held for her at Second Church this Saturday at 2 pm, with visitation from 1-2.

Karen Haveman is starting her healing following outpatient surgery yesterday on her Achilles tendon.

Congratulations to **Ted and Joyce Hoad** who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Monday, August 26.

Congregational News

Staff Email Accounts

Starting September 1, the sbcglobal.net email accounts will no longer be active. Effective immediately the staff emails will be as follows:

Pastor Doug MacLeod: pastordoug@secondcrc.org

Zach Van Wyk, youth director: zach@secondcrc.org

Valerie Volz, administrative assistant: val@secondcrc.org

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Ann Pell, Kid's Hope director: ann@secondcrc.org

Kid's 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

Plan ahead! There will be a potluck on Sunday, September 8 to celebrate the beginning of the education year at 2nd! It will begin at 11:30 after classes are dismissed. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a generous hot dish. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a generous side. Dessert, paper goods and drinks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

Coffee Break, Tuesday, September 17

Coffee Break Bible Study will begin meeting Tuesday, September 17, here at Second Church at 9:30am. While continuing to be a shared ministry of 1st, 2nd, Trinity and Reeman churches, there will no longer be a children's program offered. At the same time, we recognize the need for a women's Bible study that will be meaningful to those who have little or no Bible knowledge as well as to those with many years of Bible study. We would encourage you to invite anyone you think might be interested in learning more about the Bible. All women are most welcome. Any questions, concerns and/or input can be directed to either Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285).

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.

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. 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 to be donated to the food pantry at True North 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.

Pastor Doug: A Quote from a Book I Read

"Some people call Christianity a 'worldview' because, to those who accept the gift of grace, every last element of life is affected: what we do, how we do what we do, whether or not we do it at all. In all these things, we remember that all of life belongs to God." -- James C Schaap, *Every Bit of Who I Am* p.182

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