

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

August 7, 2019

## From Your Pastor's Desk

It was deeply meaningful to me to administer baptism to our (4<sup>th</sup>) granddaughter recently. I love the symbolism of God's initiative to graciously address us in our helplessness and need – fully apart from anything we say or do. It is a profound spiritual reality which is reflected in the daily care of parents for children – providing, caring, feeding, loving them regardless of what they do for us and long before they begin to honor us.

## Sunday Worship, August 11

This Sunday we will consider the Third Commandment which -- like the opening petition of the Lord's Prayer -- addresses the honor of God's name. Pastor Doug's message, "OMG," will incorporate the stories from Numbers 22- 24 and Acts 3:1-10. Our offerings this Sunday will be for the General Fund and Resonate Global Missions.

## Our Church Family

This Friday evening **Angela Deur and Mahlon Volz** plan to be united in marriage. Pray for God's blessing to be upon them in their new union.

Remember in prayer our homebound members living in care facilities here in Fremont: **Marv and Donna Folkema** at Transitional Health Services, **Al Baker** and **Marilyn Weaver** both at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility, and **Polly Hoekman** at Green Acres.

## Congregational News

### 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. The North Newaygo Amish Church and Fremont Wesleyan Church have been volunteering. World Renew invites us to join in partnering to help our neighbors. Doug and Mary Van Der Meulen have been coordinating with all parties involved in order to make use of local volunteers. They are in charge of scheduling volunteers and organizing the projects and are a great resource for any questions about the work. If you would like to help with drywall, painting, flooring, or simply helping out give them a call at (269) 207-5328

### 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.

### Church Directory

We will be printing a 2019 church directory soon. Please notify Valerie in the church office by this Sunday, August 11, of changes and/or corrections of address, email, and/or phone number. If you regularly worship with us at Second and would like to have your information added to the directory, you may send it to [secondcrfremont@gmail.com](mailto:secondcrfremont@gmail.com), call 924-0170, or write the information on a slip of paper and place it in the box on the office door.

## **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.

## **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 Third Commandment which addresses our use of God's name. You can submit your art to the church office.

## **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**

When school is out, many more families make use of the TrueNorth food pantry because of the children not getting many of their meals from the school. Please consider donating extra food items during the summer. In August, the requested items are mac and cheese, and canned tuna or 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.

## **Community Events**

### **Bible League**

Newaygo County Bible League International is sponsoring a Garage Sale and Bake Sale today and tomorrow, August 8 & 9, at 605 Country View Lane, Fremont.

### **Classis Muskegon**

Classis Muskegon is seeking nominees to serve as a representative to the Council of Delegates (COD) for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominees should 1) be a member in good standing in the CRCNA; 2) possess an understanding of the role of governance and the Council of Delegates within the CRCNA; 3) possess an understanding of the mission, vision, and values of the CRC; 4) possess an understanding of the Ministry Plan (Our Journey 2020); and 5) be willing to sign the COD Statement of Agreement with the Beliefs of the CRCNA. Please contact our stated clerk, Rev. Drew Sweetman ([pastordrew.vdm@gmail.com](mailto:pastordrew.vdm@gmail.com)) to submit a nomination or for more information. Nomination deadline: September 23, 2019.

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

"We obey the third commandment by living as Christians, by speaking and doing everything according to the family name. For when we do all that we do—and do it in Christ, for Christ, and through Christ—we show that his is the name we value, the name we love, and the name that is above all names."  
Kevin DeYoung, *The Ten Commandments*, p. 62

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