

2nd's Matters

September 4, 2019

From Your Pastor's Desk

You hear it all the time, "We live in a post-truth world." Fake news and "truthiness" is real, everything has spin, individuals get to determine what is true for themselves - most often based on what they feel or want. It is a culturally challenging time for the church which is set apart and committed to the steadfast truth of God's revelation and Word. It is also a vital time for the church to graciously offer the truth to those who come to realize the futility of self-determination and who hunger and thirst for reliable truth. I believe it is a very practical and relevant ministry of the church to offer the gift of the truth of God's Word in a culture which tries to believe the self-contradictory truth that there is no truth.

Sunday Worship, September 8

This Sunday Pastor Doug will address the third of four aspects regarding the Fourth Commandment. Psalm 23 will lead us for the message, "Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Resting." Our offerings this Sunday will be for the General Fund and the Campus Ministry at Ferris State University in Big Rapids.

Bulletin Cover Art:

Children and students are invited to produce creative artwork for each of the Ten Commandments to be used on the bulletin cover. This Sunday our theme is the Fourth Commandment and "Resting" as an aspect of the gift of the Sabbath. You can submit your art to the church office.

Our Church Family

Tonight 18 adults and youths from churches in the Fremont area return from a week of ministry in Guatemala. The group includes **Jeremy, Ashley, and Evan Luchies, and Hailey Nieboer.**

Congregational News

Calling All Potential Ministry Leaders:

We are still in need of a couple Sunday School teachers and FYSH leaders. Please reach out to Zach Van Wyk if this is something that you might be able to volunteer with.

Safe Church Policy

Our Council recently approved a revised Safe Church Policy. Those who are involved in inter-personal ministry at Second Church need to read and agree to it with a signature on an annual basis. A copy is being placed in the household mailboxes of those who are asked to provide a signature of agreement. Please read the policy and return your signature as quickly as possible to Bob Broekema (Head of the Safe Church Team). If you'd prefer an electronic copy of the policy to read, contact Bob Broekema.

KidsOwn and Sunday School, Sunday, September 8

KidsOwn, KidsOwn, Jr., Sunday School grades 5-12, and FYSH will begin meeting regularly on Sunday, September 8.

Calling all Student Ministries Volunteers, Sunday, September 8

On September 8 at 11:05 we will gather in the Meeting Room (located next to the coffee kitchen off the lobby) for a quick info and encouragement meeting as our new church year starts. If you serve in Nursery, Children's Worship, Kid's Own Jr, Kid's Own, Sunday School or FYSH please plan to join us.

All-church Potluck, Sunday, September 8

Remember the potluck this Sunday to celebrate the beginning of the educational year. We will eat at 11:30. If your last name ends in A-M please bring a generous hot dish; if it ends in N-Z bring a generous side. Dishes, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Partners

Sign up today to be a prayer partner to a young member of 2nd Church. Sign up sheets are on the literature ledge. Be a blessing to a young person; your relationship will in turn bless you!

Salt and Pepper Dinners

Sunday is the last day to sign up for the Salt and Pepper dinners- don't miss this chance to dine and socialize with fellow members of 2nd Church. If you have childcare concerns, please contact Zach Van Wyk or Ann Pell.

Coffee Break, Tuesday, September 17

Coffee Break Bible Study will begin meeting Tuesday, September 17, here at Second Church at 9:30 am. We 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)

Attention middle school and future middle school parents, Sunday, September 22

Please join Zach and members of the Council in the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, September 22, to discuss what you would like 2nd Church to offer our middle school students.

Midweek Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 25, 2-3 pm.

This year Bob Broekema and Doug MacLeod will lead a Bible study and discussion on Paul's letter to the Philippians. This is open to everyone and includes light refreshments. A schedule for the year is on the literature ledge in the lobby.

Car Hop: Wednesday, September 25

The FYSH Car Hop Fundraiser will be taking place on Wednesday, September 25. Food service begins at 5:30. The menu will include hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, and beverage choice followed by ice cream sundaes. Donations will go to the Second Christian Reformed Church FYSH Youth Group to support student mission trips.

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 September the requested items for donation to the True North food pantry is peanut butter and jelly.

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

"John Knox imposed the new rules of the Calvinist Sabbath on Scottish society: no working (people could be arrested for plucking a chicken on Sunday), no dancing, and no playing of the pipes. On Sundays, the church rafters rang with the singing of psalms and recitations from the Gospel. The faithful received the right of communion, which now belonged to everyone. The Lord's Supper became a community festival, with quantities, sometimes plentiful of red wine and shortcake (John Knox presided over one Sunday communion where the congregation consumed eight and a half gallons of claret)." --Arthur Herman, *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*, p. 16

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