

SECOND'S MATTERS

July 15, 2020



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Pastor's Desk

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It would be nice if we had an outdoor site nicely conducive to setting up for an outdoor / drive-in worship service – you know, a place with shaded parking, access to electricity, plus a gently sloped grassy area for lawn chairs! However, we do have worshippers, technical and human resources, and a desire to make the best of our situation. In anticipation of holding outdoor Sunday worship services beginning this Sunday we will set up as best as we can. We are still working out the final arrangements and logistics (including live streaming) so you won't know how things will look until you arrive.

With physical distancing expected we will have to forego the mosh pit (!) but you are welcome to bring your own chairs, or if you prefer, to stay in your vehicle. In any case, bring a gladness for worshiping the one to whom belongs "the kingdom, the power, and the glory."

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

In the last week or so I've been able to meet with Young Life and FYSH students for some socially distanced fun. What a joy it has been to see students again! In compliance with governmental restrictions and orders we sanitized our hands, had our masks ready and were generally careful. I'd be lying to you if I said this didn't cause some grumbling and complaining from kids and leaders alike. It seems to me that the consensus is that many of us are struggling under the weight of this season of life. I'm sure if you don't feel it now, you've felt that weight before.

It feels like everyday there is something new. Do I wear a mask or skip it? Was that really what (insert politician here) said or is that a rumor made up on Facebook? Is this news real or fake? How do we discern the truth? I wish I had an easy answer that I could give you and you could then post to Instagram, but our world is just more complicated than that. So instead, as I say to my students, I encourage you to look for God in big and little, expect and unexpected ways this week. Maybe God is trying to teach you something through your fear, or a grumbling person, or your next decision. It is my hope that we see God at work in the world around us, and that we know him and make him known.

Sunday Worship, July 19.

This Sunday we will offer an outdoor worship service and we also plan to live-stream the service. The live streaming begins at 9:20 and the service itself will begin at 9:30. Bring a lawn chair or choose to remain in your car and listen on the radio. We will continue with the series of messages on the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13, and from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, with a message "The Disciples' Prayer: A Closing Hymn."

Student Ministries Update for Outdoor Worship on Sunday, July 19:

For the time being we continue to not have a nursery or Children's Worship class available but are excitedly planning for your student to join us in worship. Here are some of the ways we are doing that:

- Should you or your student be in need the front lobby doors, under the portico, will be unlocked so you can access the bathroom/changing station located just off the lobby. We ask that you wipe down the changing station with the provided Clorox wipes after use.
- We will have Children's Activity Bags, with coloring pages, worksheets available, and worship guides, available for students when you are greeted at the lower parking lot entrance. This will be yours to take home with you. We do ask that you provide crayons, pencils, markers, etc for use with these bags.
- During worship, we will offer a Children's Meditation. We ask that students remain with their families during this time.
- We recognize that while we are outside, we may experience children laugh, sing, shout or squeal with joy (or frustration) and we celebrate that they are joining us in worship today!

Our Church Family

Wayne Vogel is healing following gall bladder surgery on Monday.

Rog Rauwerda is having surgery for removal of an intestinal polyp today in Grand Rapids.

Rev. Charlie DeRidder, a former pastor of Second CRC, had a mild heart attack last Friday while camping at Warren Dunes State Park.

Pray for **Becky Riddle**, who was diagnosed with cancer, and **Jacob Finner**, Becky's son, who may be moving to Hesperia to live with relatives.

This Saturday Jay Lindell (Young Life Church Partnership Program Director) will be put to rest in a private graveside funeral. We pray with **Zach Van Wyk**, and the greater Young Life community as they mourn his death.

Change of address: **William Sneller**, 2121 Raybrook St SE, DeVos Center Room 138, Grand Rapids MI 49456. Phone number: (616) 885-4545

Thank you, Second Church friends, for the cards, kind words, and prayers at the time of Cathy's mom's death. Our family rejoices that our mom is whole, in the presence of the Lord, and free from suffering.

With grateful hearts, **Cathy and Doug MacLeod**

Congregational News

Parents of Children Ages birth to 5 Years Old:

You should have received an email today requesting their input on a survey regarding some children's ministries. If you did receive that please reach out to Zach via email or by filling out the survey [by clicking this link](#).

Food Truck, Wednesday, Today, July 15, 4:30 pm

Second Church hosted the Feeding America food truck this afternoon, Wednesday, July 15. We will be setting up for drive-thru pick-up to keep both our volunteers and guests safe. Recipients will stay in their vehicles and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their vehicles. We are thankful to be serving our community!

Second Church's New Website

Our new website is making its debut this week and can be viewed at: <https://secondcrcfremont.org/>. Some portions remain "in progress," but we expect we will have it fully functional by next week.

Faith Promise Update

So far we have received \$16,050 in pledges towards our budget goal of \$28,000. Your pledges are still most welcomed and will be added to the total.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to our Faith Promise fund in the coming year so we are able to continue to financially support our seven missionaries. Your pledge can be dropped off at church and put in Tyler Cook's mailbox, mailed to Second CRC, or put in the offering plate in the lobby.

Christian Education Fund

Thank you for your support of Christian Education for the children of Second Christian Reformed Church. Each year we are amazed at the level of financial commitment that both parents and non-parents have for the cause of Christian education.

As we approach the 2020/2021 school year, we will have 20-25 children utilizing our Christian Education Fund at a cost of approximately \$136,000.00.

Please use a projected giving card which has been put in your church mailbox to let us know how much you are willing to give to this church ministry for 2020/2021. There is a box in the church foyer for you to place your card in by August 30.

Offerings

Our Deacons welcome our continued support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive. Additionally, donations can be submitted online via bank account, credit, or debit card at this link: [Second CRC - Online Giving](#) or download the "GivePlus" app if you wish to give to funds other than the General Fund.

Special envelope offerings are:

July 19 – Resonate World Mission

July 26 – TrueNorth 'Tools for School'

August 2 – Wellspring Adult Day Services

August 9 – Young Life

August 16 – Hand to Hand

2020 Directory

We will be printing a 2020 church directory soon. Our directory includes contact information for members, guests and friends of Second Church. If you would like to have your information added to the directory, or if you

have changed your address, email, and/or phone number in the past year, please notify Valerie by August 3, You may send it to office@secondcrcfremont.org, call 924-0170, or write the information on a slip of paper and place it in the box on the office door.

Stock the Pantry

For the month of July, the requested items are cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly to TrueNorth.

Today Devotional

Copies of the July / August edition are available in the church lobby. It is also available for reading, listening, or podcast at <https://today.reframemedia.com/>

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