

SECOND'S MATTERS

July 29, 2020



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Pastor's Desk

Hebrew pilgrims would make their way to Jerusalem to attend the three great annual worship festivals. They would pray as they journeyed and quite possibly, they turned these prayers into contemporary songs which made it easier to recite collectively. The journey was not easy as they traveled up to the high ground of Jerusalem. Their traveling prayers / road songs, became known as The Psalms of Ascent and are found in the psalter (Psalms 120-134).

In our uncertain and troubled times we can benefit from traveling with songs that serve to direct our hearts and lives. I am planning and preparing to lead us through the richness of these psalms beginning on August 9. I invite you to be reading and becoming familiar with this series of short psalms for our journey together.

Sunday Worship, August 2

This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper which is a gracious gift which God provides to the church. All who have been baptized into Christ, and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living, are invited to participate in this sacrament discerning that the bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that those who participate are members of Christ's body.

You are welcome to bring your own bread and juice or to pick up individual pre-packaged communion elements as you drive in. Worshipers via livestream should arrange to have their own communion elements at home

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 will be the basis for Pastor Doug's message, "A Meal of Remembrance, Communion, and Hope."

Student Ministries Update for Outdoor Worship on Sunday, August 2:

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 east side door by the fireside room, will be unlocked so you can access the bathroom/changing station located in 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, and worship guides available for students when you are greeted in the lower parking lot. 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!

Our Church Family

Our sympathies are extended to **Jack & Barb Grasman** in the death of Jack's brother, Terry, this past Sunday afternoon.

Rog Rauwerda is hopeful that he may be released from the hospital to come home this weekend.

Jacob Finner and **Becky Riddle** have moved to Hesperia. Their mailing address is c/o Greg Riddle, 7885 East M20, Hesperia MI 49421.

The **Shepherding Elders** meet this evening and will be portioning the congregation into five Shepherding Districts as part of beginning the new Council year.

Congregational News

Second Church's New Website

Our new website can be viewed at: <https://secondcrcfremont.org/>

Oasis, Wednesday, July 29, 7 pm.

Tonight is the final summer Oasis event – Game Night! We're excited to invite all incoming 6th graders! We'll be at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest Ave) from 7:00-8:30 pm. Can't wait to see you there, and hopefully a bunch of new friends as well!

Faith Promise Update

So far, we have received \$21,250 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 pledge and contribution to our Faith Promise fund 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.

Agape Christian School Donations

To all who donated items last winter for the students at the Agape Christian School in Gulu, Uganda, "thank you for your generosity". The trip planned for late March was canceled due to Covid-19 and has not been rescheduled at this time, but we will make sure your gifts get to the children. They will be thrilled and will be so blessed by your love and thoughtfulness.

Christian Education Fund

Thank you for your support of Christian Education for the children of Second Christian Reformed Church.

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:

August 2 – Wellspring Adult Day Services

August 9 – Young Life

August 16 – Hand to Hand

August 23 – Hope 101 Ministry (working to reduce homelessness in Newaygo County)

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/>

Wheelchair Drive, July 26-August 16

Do you have any wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches not in use? Celebration Community Church, (1260 W. Sherman Blvd, Muskegon MI 49441) through a partnership with Living With Hope and Joni & Friends, is collecting manual wheelchairs and jogger strollers to be refurbished by prison partners and hand-delivered to people with mobility needs in Kenya. Email Pastor Matt Eenigenburg at matt@celebrationmuskego.org with any questions.

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