

SECOND'S MATTERS

February 24, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

There is something about this time of the year that just messes with your head. It can be bitterly cold one day, and then another it can be almost like spring. We've experienced both in the last week. Being teased with warm weather and then walking out your slider after the dog to below-freezing temps is the worst part of it all. Living in the already and not yet of "almost spring" can make you feel a certain way.

As Christians, Lent reminds us that we live in the already and not yet Kingdom of God. We know how the story ends, Jesus rises from the grave, the curtain is torn in two, and the chains of sin and death are defeated. Although, we live in a world still marked by brokenness. So Christ has won, but we have a job to do while waiting for him to return. Lent reminds us that God's work of restoring this world (thankfully) isn't over. Every day as we encounter some new kind of brokenness, God redeems it work for the good of his people. As I am processing Lent this year, with its' whole host of challenges, I keep thinking, "I wonder how God will bring restoration to this?" I encourage you to do the same: to look at the world around you and reflect on how powerful our God is.

From Your Music Director's Desk

I looked out my window yesterday, and a Robin was eating little seeds in my crabapple tree. Her feathers were all puffed up, so the insulating qualities of her feathers kept her warm. It is a sure sign of spring coming of which we are all looking forward to. There's something about the outside air that is beginning to have a feel of warmth against our skin instead of biting, bitter cold. Even the horses are starting their shedding already; what a mess!

What a refreshing sound to hear our congregation sing the song "Create In Me a Clean Heart" last Sunday! As we observe the season of Lent, we pray that our hearts are renewed and cleansed. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. I pray that every one of you is having a blessed week.

Sunday Worship, February 28

We offer in-person worship with safety measures in place. Masks are recommended while in the building, and every other pew is roped off for social distancing. Nursery and Story Hour are offered during worship. We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation via our livestream: tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

Seminarian Jodi VanWingerden will lead us in worship; her message "God of the Depths" is based on 1 Samuel 1:1-20.

Lent 2021 Devotional Resources:

Go to secondcrcfremont.org/lent to download our weekly Lenten devotional.

Read the Gospels during Lent - Reading Guide: Wednesday, February 24

Thursday, February 25

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28

Monday, March 1

Tuesday, March 2

Wednesday, March 3

Matthew 19-21

Matthew 22-24

Matthew 25-26

Matthew 27-28

Lord's Day

Mark 1-12

Mark 3-4

Mark 5-6

Our Church Family

Classis Muskegon meets virtually tomorrow, and we encourage you to pray for the assembly and our delegates Elder **Karen Admiraal** and Deacon **Gary Breuker**.

Joyce Hoad has a new address and phone number:

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Congregational News

Lenten Devotionals

You are invited to use the Lenten devotional materials “Belonging” in the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. They will follow the same pattern each week as we look at a different aspect of “belonging.” You can find paper copies on the literature ledge or online through the church’s Facebook page or secondcrcfremont.org/lent. Next week’s devotionals starting on Sunday, February 28th, will be examining the Lord’s prayer.

Our prayer is that God will use this Lenten season and these devotionals to lead us as a church family into a time of personal self-examination, prayer, repentance and renewal, and a closer relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

FYSH Easter Flower Fundraiser

FYSH (Fremont Youth Serving Him) is again selling 6” Easter lilies, hyacinths, and tulip pots for \$13. The proceeds will go towards helping students to be a part of a summer service or discipleship experience. You will have the option to take your plant home during Holy Week or leave it to help decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. Please place the completed order form with payment in Zach Van Wyk’s mailbox. Order forms are in your church mailbox and on the literature ledge.

Pray Newaygo

There is still time to register to participate in the Pray Newaygo prayer initiative. Our church’s dates will be March 1-31. Go to praynewaygo.com and fill out an individual registration. You will receive the names of five individuals living in Newaygo County to pray for daily and will also receive videos, scripture, and prayer talking points to guide your prayers. Please consider joining with others from our church family who have committed to pray through this growing prayer movement in our county.

Library News

Many new books for kids and adults have been added recently to the church library selves located in the Fireside Room. Check out the table in the lobby as well as the bookshelf next to the Kids Hope materials and the kids shelving next to the doorway for some great treasures.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Insight Pregnancy Services’ baby bottle fundraiser is almost over! Please return your filled baby bottles by this **Sunday, February 28**.

Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering

Join us in the Fireside Room at 9:05 am each Sunday morning as we lift the worship service and other requests up to the Lord. There is power in prayer!

Offerings

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation’s financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving](http://OnlineGiving). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the “GivePlus” app.

Special envelope offerings for the months are: *February 28 – Western Michigan Christian High School*
March 7 – World Renew
March 14 – Love, INC
March 21 – Hand2Hand

Stock the Pantry

For February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, and canned meat. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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