

# **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**February 3, 2021**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## **From Your Pastor's Desk**

Last year, for public health reasons, many congregations suspended in-person worship. At the same time virtual choirs emerged as blessings on the internet. People from various places sang and then their voices would be knit together via technology into a unified choir. These amazing choirs created a sense of shared experience even while distance separated them.

A few years ago, a member of the Christian Reformed Church who is a professional musician wrote a wonderful song using the words of the first Lord's Day in the Heidelberg Catechism. I've been singing this song to the fields and fauna and flora around Newaygo County from my bike for years. A couple of years ago, over a hundred CRCs and Christian Schools, mostly across Canada, were recorded singing this song. However, last year their voices were stitched together to form a 20,000 voice CRC choir! I invite you to listen to this recording of the song, "I Am Not My Own," and rejoice in the song, and with thousands of people from Christian Reformed congregations singing the refrain and waving at you! <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=565160270772088>

## **From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk**

I have a complicated relationship with winter weather. I absolutely LOVE the snow. My favorite kind of day involves a good book, sitting by a fire, drinking coffee, and watching the snowfall. The complication comes with ice. Ice has caused me to put a car in the ditch, lose power, and most recently fall flat on my back. (Let's just say Tuesday morning I was a little stiff and black and blue.) When you don't see it coming, ice really knows how to take your breath away.

I think there are a lot of things in our lives that can surprise us and take our breath away. The tire on your car could go flat. Your best friend could get sick. The lady in front of you at the grocery store could have a meltdown. Our world is full of things that are not the way they were designed to be. I am sure that each of you reading this has felt this way before. When we don't see it coming, ice can sneak up on us and trip us up. This week with whatever is going on in your life, I invite you to give yourself a break. Take some time to rest and invite the Lord into it. Remember, no matter what ice you slip-on, the Lord is right there with you. Your burden doesn't have to be yours' alone. Thanks be to God.

## **Sunday Worship, February 7**

We offer in-person worship with safety measures in place. Therefore, masks are required, and we keep every other pew roped off for social distancing. Nursery and Story Hour are offered during the worship service. We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation via our livestream: [tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive](https://tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive)

## **Our Church Family**

**Bill Sneller** passed away early Tuesday morning. We extend our sympathies to Jean Sneller (sister-in-law) and Eileen Alderink (niece). Pastor Doug will lead a family-only graveside service on Saturday.

**Tim Boekskool** is at home following his surgery and is recovering. Please continue to pray for good recovery and healing for him.

**Dick and Kay Wolters** want to thank everyone for all their prayers and well wishes as they continue to recover from Covid-19. Dick is at home and almost at full strength and Kay is still in the hospital in Muskegon. Her pneumonia is almost cleared up and the doctors feel that she will make a full recovery.

## **Congregational News**

### **FYSH Fundraiser Update**

Thanks to the generous donations of the four CRC churches through donations, pop cans, and non-perishable food and personal care items FYSH was able to make one of True North's largest donations to date. We were able to donate 997.2 pounds of food and 256 personal care items to the pantry. Thank you for helping FYSH bless our community in this way.

## **Library Additions**

Are you wondering how to address racism, reconciliation, the pandemic, leadership issues, or politics from a Christian perspective? Christian authors such as Brenda Salter McNeil, Eugene Cho, Jemar Tisby, Tod Bolsinger and others help you navigate these puzzling waters and will bring new understanding to your thinking. You'll find some great new titles at the library display. They're available for you to check out.

## **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

Insight Pregnancy Services' baby bottle fundraiser is underway. In the lobby of the church, you will find a basket filled with empty baby bottles waiting to be filled with money. Please take one or two home, fill with coins, cash, and/or checks and return it to the church by 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](#). 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 7 – Cadet main office*

*February 14 – Bethany Christian Services*

*February 21 – Insight Pregnancy Services*

*February 28 – Western Michigan Christian High School*

## **Stock the Pantry**

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

## **The Nest**

The Nest is a second-hand store in Fremont which supports local Christian education. Currently, the furniture inventory is very low. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Current hours of operation are Tues. - Fri., 10:00 to 5:00 and Sat., 10:00 to 3:00. Phone: 924-3930.

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