

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 3, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

I didn't realize how routine-driven I was until I noticed Nyx (the world's cutest labradoodle – I'm not biased) putting herself in the kennel each morning right before I was ready to leave the house. So I started paying attention to her morning routine. I realized she knew when I poured my to-go coffee that I was ready to leave the house. I can't help but create structure in my world. I think it's because I like to know precisely when things are happening, how things are happening, and what happens next. I wonder if any of you are like that too?

One of my most important routines is to take a day of the week and Sabbath. For me, that is Tuesdays. I intentionally structure my day around the idea of resting and growing. That often means no alarm clock, doing something fun, listening to podcasts or music, and cooking something. Yesterday, I woke up and felt like I needed to throw my sabbath plans out the window. So, I hopped in the car with a close friend, and we drove around and just spent time talking and sometimes being silent. I was shocked to find Jesus in the sunshine of the Muskegon Kohl's parking lot, listening to Taylor Swift, and eating Chik-Fil-A. I needed that kind of Sabbath this week, and I am glad I listened to that small voice in my soul. I can't help but wonder what yesterday would have looked like I had ignored that little nudge from the Holy Spirit. I wonder what other nudges I might be missing. This week I want to invite you to be paying attention to the nudge, it might not bring you where you think you will go, but I guarantee you the Lord will meet you there.

From Your Music Director's Desk

We are all looking forward to Easter. As we observe Lent, we are walking with Jesus through His ministry here on earth. Even though He knew that His death on the cross was coming, He still poured Himself into the people, meeting them where they were and ministering to their needs. He is still doing that today through His Holy Spirit, meeting us where we are and ministering to our needs.

As we are preparing and looking forward to the glorious Easter Morning, my attention is on the music that we will be singing. We will sing our traditional Easter hymns, but there are two songs that I want to introduce to you ahead of time so that you are familiar with them by the time Easter Sunday arrives. You can listen to them by clicking these links: [There is a King](#) and [Praise the King](#). These songs are also on Spotify.

Last but not least, Sydney Wagenmaker accepted an invitation from me at least a year ago to play a piano duet with me for last year's Easter Sunday. Being the way things were, it did not happen. Well, this year, we are planning on playing this Easter duet for you no matter what is going on in our world. We know that this congregation will enjoy it immensely and be blessed by it. What a beautiful thing when young people share their God-given gifts for God's glory!

Grace Encounter from Last Sunday

Due to technical difficulties, we couldn't share the Grace Encounter during the worship service last Sunday. We encourage you to watch Jud's story and reflect on God's grace in your life. [Click HERE to see Jud's Grace Encounter](#).

Sunday Worship, March 3

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/2ndcrlive

Pastor Bob Broekema will lead us in worship; his message "Integrity 101" is based on Acts 5:1-11.

Lent 2021 Devotional Resources:

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

*Read the Gospels during Lent - Reading Guide: Wednesday, March 3
Thursday, March 4
Friday, March 5
Saturday, March 6
Sunday, March 7
Monday, March 8
Tuesday, March 9
Wednesday, March 10*

*Mark 5-6
Mark 7-8
Mark 9-10
Mark 11-12
Lord's Day
Mark 13-14
Mark 15-16
Luke 1-2*

Our Church Family

Kay Wolters is receiving care and rehab at Blodgett Hospital in GR. She is still on a trachea and feeding tube, and it will be some time before she will be able to return home. **Dick** can see her every day, and he would appreciate our fervent prayer for Kay, who is very weak at this time.

Congregational News

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. Order forms are in your church mailbox and on the literature ledge.

Faith Promise Missions

It is our privilege to pray for our Faith Promise supported mission endeavors. Pray for safety, protection from Covid, and wisdom for the many responsibilities they face. Pray that the light of Christ will shine through each ministry. Below is the list of ministries we support:

Appalachia Reach Out, Dwayne Mills director
Karin Medical Clinic, Hope Okeny, director
Haiti Foundation Against Poverty
S.O.S. Ministries, Paul Gonzales director

Mission India
Growing Hope Globally
Vera Hansen with Greater Europe Mission

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.

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 month are:

*March 7 – World Renew
March 14 – Love, INC
March 21 – Hand2Hand*

Stock the Pantry

For March, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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