

SECOND'S MATTERS

June 2, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Friday Night, I listened to the stillness of the lake before what was to be a busy weekend and appreciated my little corner of our town. Saturday Evening, I spent time celebrating graduations at open houses and was struck by how joy and sadness mingle at these kinds of events. Sunday afternoon, I stood on the banks of Lake Michigan as the water lapped my feet and felt overwhelmed by the vastness of it all. Monday evening, I watched my nieces and nephews play together at Grandma and Grandpa's house and fondly thought about my childhood doing precisely the same thing. For me, there was a type of holiness in each of these moments.

This weekend, as a country, we took time out of our busy lives and set apart a day to slow down and remember. We were invited to remember those who came before and who gave their lives to make our country what it is today. Many of us also reflected on the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre – we saw the good and the bad. Whether you participated by holding a family barbeque, participating in a parade, having deep conversations around a fire pit, visiting the graves of loved ones, or in some other way, you took time to remember. I believe that every moment has a holiness to it. This Memorial Day Weekend, I realized that we are giving testament to the faithfulness of God in our lives by remembering. I encourage you to look for God in your world because He is there. Whether it is in a big way or in a small way, He shows up. Through recognizing God in the people and places around us, I believe we get to know him better. What will you know about Him that you didn't before if you choose to pay closer attention?

From Your Music Director's Desk

The other day my equine buddy Bobby Sue and I were going down a trail, enjoying the beautiful woods and scenery. As we walked along, there was an old pine log across the trail with stubby branches protruding every three feet or so all the way across. I scanned the log and chose which way I thought would be best for her to step over and get safely to the other side without one of those sharp branches poking her. Just as she was ready to step over the log, she chose to disobey my direction and moved to pass over the log at a different spot, and in doing so, caught her chest on the tip of a dead branch, causing an abrasion that needed to be treated with antiseptic. Had she listened to me and allowed me to be her leader, she would have avoided her injury.

Isn't that just like us? Don't we feel sometimes that we know best and that our way to navigate through our lives is to be in control and ignore the Lord's gentle leading? I cannot count how many times I've experienced this in my own life. Many times I have tried to navigate out of a situation on my own terms and caused troubles for myself.

Our Lord Jesus knows exactly what is best for us and asks us to trust Him and allow Him to lead us. "A man's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand his own way?" Proverbs 20:24 (NIV). I pray you are all having a wonderful week.

Sunday Worship, Worship, June 6

On Sunday, June 6, Rev. Ron Fynweaver will be preaching for us; his message "Shape Up" will be based on Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-6, II Corinthians 3:18, and Romans 12:1-2. We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion together.

Sunday Worship, Worship, June 13

Rev. Scott Hozee will be leading us in worship. We will also celebrate with Ashlyn Volz and the extended Volz family in the baptism of Maleia, Iva, and Ben.

Congregational News

Bulletin Design Update

Starting this Sunday, June 6, we will begin testing out a new bulletin design. We appreciate your patience as we work out any hiccups or kerfluffles. We will continue emailing out the bulletin now as a PDF attachment, and it will still be available on our website.

Young Life Golf Outing – Register now if you are interested.

Fremont Young Life is holding its annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on June 12 at Water's Edge Golf Course in Fremont. Join us for a great game of golf and to support a wonderful ministry. Email us at fremontyl@gmail.com or talk to Zach to get registered to play or to become a sponsor.

Father's Day Ad in Hi-Lites

Father's Day is the perfect day to honor those who gave us life. If you would like to thank your father, grandfather, or any special man for choosing life, place their name on the list on the literature ledge in the lobby and enclose \$2.00 for each name. They will be printed in the Hi-Lites on Father's day, June 20, by Newaygo Right to Life. Every life is precious and designed by God.

Hymn Sing, Saturday, June 12

Do you miss singing the old songs? Saturday, June 12th, 7:00 pm at The Shack will be a Good Old Fashion Hymn Sing to benefit the Newaygo County Volunteer division of Bible League. A free-will offering will be taken. The event will be taken rain or shine; make sure to bring your lawn chair. Contact Christi Handy @ 231-578-5354 or Jessie Rose @ 923-2231

Offering Information

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 are: June 6 – Bethany Christian Services
June 13 – Wellspring Adult Care Services
June 20 – World Renew
June 27 – Hope 101

Stock the Pantry

For June, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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