

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 18, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Readers Note: In the August 4 edition of "Second's Matters," Zach invited us to be intentional about looking for Jesus in the world around us. For the next few weeks, he will tell you where he saw Jesus while on vacation.

One of Lizzie's favorite scripture passages is found in Psalm 145, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." This verse informs the way she teaches, but it also invites us to remember. Last week, as I walked around my grandparents' farm, this scripture kept playing through my head. Recently, my grandparents moved off the farm, and my parents bought it and then rented out the farmhouse. A lot has changed on the farm since I was a kid; there are no longer pigs or sheep or chickens in the yard, fences have been torn down, and buildings have seen a lot of weather damage. Although, as I walked around the farm, through my eyes, at least, it still looked the way it did when I was a kid. It is crazy to me how some physical locations can be so spiritual.

I learned a lot about Jesus on that farm – my grandparents made sure that their kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids heard about Jesus. Without fail, in every mealtime prayer, my grandpa would pray, "Lord be with the sick, the sorry, suffering, and needy." Through these prayers, I started learning how Jesus cares and walks alongside those who have been dealt a rough hand by life. I also learned, that prayer is for all of us at different times in our lives. Friends, life isn't easy – we all have stories to illustrate this point. Truthfully, we weren't promised it would be easy. We were promised that Jesus is always fighting for us, and he is close beside us even in the midst of the darkest valley. I am thankful that even when I am facing something that feels hopeless, the Hope of the world is right beside me.

From Your Music Director's Desk

Abide means to remain or stay.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 NIV) This verse is very profound in our lives. Sometimes life can pour out troubles and issues in a nonstop fashion as we struggle to keep from being overwhelmed. When we wonder how we are going to navigate and get through it, we need to remember that there is a Shelter that protects us from harm. Sometimes it feels like we are out in the open in the blazing sun, but when we run to the shadow of the Almighty, we get the relief and protection to get us through. God provides everything we need to live our lives in a way that honors Him and be an example to those we influence as we remain in Him. May you find yourself abiding in the shelter of the Most High this week. God bless.

Sunday Worship, August 22

Seminarian Rebecca Hall will be leading us in worship; her message "Hearing God in the Disturbance" will be based on Acts 19:23-41. Noisy Coin will be collected, by the kids of the congregation, for the Haiti Foundation against poverty.

Sunday Worship, August 29

Pastor John Huyser of Fruitport CRC will be leading us in worship; his message "The Power of Nostalgia" will be based on Haggai 2:1-9 and Ezra 3:10-13. Following this service, we will hold a special Congregational Meeting Town Hall to discuss the what, why, and how of the Article 17 and for all of you to ask questions. Nursery will be provided as needed.

Combined Worship, September 5

On Sunday, September 5, we will worship with other area churches for an outdoor worship celebration. The service will start at 10 am in the West Gerber Parking Lot (cross streets of Stone and Hemlock, with entrances on Hemlock.). We encourage you all to pack up the lawn chairs and blankets and join our community for worship.

Our Church Family

Thank you for remembering my mother, **Elsa VanHekken**, in your prayers. She has returned home and continues to heal and gain strength.

Mary Folkema

Congregational News

Volunteer Help Needed – Combined Worship September 5

We are looking for people willing to serve as greeters at the Combined Community Service on September 5. Greeters would welcome people at the parking lot entrances, collect offerings, hand out bulletins & communion elements, and bid farewell as the people exit. If you are interested in doing this, please reach out to Audra Powell, Bob Broekema, or Wendy Kops.

Worship Leadership and Participation Opportunity

Are you interested in becoming a part of the planning team that chooses music approximately once a month, sing on the praise team, or play an instrument for our services? Please get in touch with Wendy to express interest, ask questions, or learn more about how you can help lead worship.

Bible League

Please check your church mailbox for the letter from the Fremont Division of Bible League. Prayerfully consider giving to the Bible League Volunteers' Global Campaign so others can know about Jesus. Kindly respond on or before September. Thank you for making an eternal difference. - Your Bible League Volunteer: Jane Vogel

Last Week to Submit Church Directory Changes

If you have changed address, phone number, email, etc., or would like to be added to the directory, please get the appropriate information to Valerie - the deadline is August 24.

Harvest Table

If you have garden produce you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Please take any produce you can use – anything remaining will be donated to TrueNorth.

Faith Promise and Christian Education Pledges

The Faith Promise and Christian Ed pledge seasons end August 31. If you are planning to pledge, we ask that you do it before that date.

Offering Information

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through 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](https://www.giveplus.com/online-giving). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

*Special envelope offerings are: August 22 – Torch Zuni Christian School
August 29 – Community Closet*

Stock the Pantry

For August, the requested food items are macaroni & cheese and tuna. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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