

SECOND'S MATTERS

September 8, 2021



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Saturday afternoon, I am sure many of you experienced light rain. Although, I wonder how many of you experienced that rain sitting around a campfire or trying to cook dinner over that aforementioned fire. This Labor Day, our family spent every moment we could soaking in all of the last bits of summer. I always feel like summer disappears far too soon – it's like a good coconut cream pie; there is never enough. I think part of why I grieve the end of summer is that the fall feels too busy, too full, and too fast-paced in comparison.

There are seasons to everything in life – seasons to the weather, seasons to our relationships, seasons in our jobs, and seasons in our churches. I believe our church is turning the corner to a new season in its life. That is at the same time exciting, because who knows where the Lord will take us, and terrifying, because who knows where the Lord will take us. Seasons in life are important because they invite us to reimagine what our world can look like and what things should be let go of. They ask us to hold on to what is important and hold loosely that which isn't. As a church staff, we feel this leading from God that we are entering a new phase, a new season, and we are praying daily for all of you, for where we've been and where we are going. I encourage you to cover our council, the staff, our building, and our future in prayer and be attentive as the Lord shows up for us.

From Your Music Director's Desk

"Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, Because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:27 NKJV)

As we walk through our lives, we experience good times and difficult times. As Christians, we are to pray without ceasing, but how can we stop what we are doing and completely fill our waking hours on our knees in prayer? We simply cannot. However, our hearts are always aware of issues and situations that need God's interception and divine orchestrating. As we fulfill our daily obligations, our hearts can continually be in prayer. But here's the best part; even though we are trying to articulate what our hearts are concerned over, the Holy Spirit takes those thoughts and inadequate words to the Father and presents them to Him in a beautifully wrapped package.

How comforting to know that our Savior does that for us. To know that even when we take time out for our devotions and prayer, we do not have to walk away from that feeling like those prayers were hopelessly inadequate and wonder if it was a waste of time. No! Our Father wants to hear from us, as simple as our words can be because He wants to answer our prayers and bless us. He doesn't care if our prayers would win an A+ in an advanced English class, He just wants us to share our hearts, and He takes it from there. May you feel the Holy Spirit as you go about your daily activities this week.

Sunday Worship, September 12

Jodi Van Wingerdan will be leading us in worship: his message "Collective Hallelujah" will be based on Psalm 150. We will also be commissioning our Student Ministries leaders and praying over the new church year. Donuts will be served after the service in recognition of this special time.

Sunday Worship, September 19

Seminarian Sherri Admiraal will be leading us in worship.

Church Family

Dirk Kolk has been transferred out of the ICU into a standard hospital room. His vitals are good, and he was talkative and alert. Dirk will need PT before he is transferred to the Medical Care Facility.

Marge Moon has moved to Green Acres and is under Hospice Care. Visitors are welcome. She is in Room 219.

Paul Gonzales of SOS Ministries passed away Tuesday. SOS Ministries is one of our Faith Promise supported missions and has hosted many adult and student mission trips. Please keep his wife, Tere, and his church in your prayers.

Congregational News

Community Closet

Thank you to all who attended the community worship on September 5. The offering was a little over \$1,300 to be given to Community Closet.

Student Ministries Update

A letter detailing the fall plans for Student Ministries went out last Thursday; if you missed that, you can find it [HERE](#).

Oasis Volunteers Needed

Oasis, our middle school youth group, is looking for male and female leaders. This is a twice a month, 2-hour commitment; please reach out to Zach if you or someone you know is interested!

Prayer Partners

We are once again asking you to be prayer partners for the students of our church. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby and a sheet with more info in mailboxes. Please consider being involved!!

The 2021 Directory is out!

A copy has been put in mailboxes; there are copies on the literature ledge if you need an extra. Directory change: the landline phone number for the DeWeerds is no longer in service.

Greeters

Greeters have been assigned beginning Sunday, September 12 – a schedule is in church mailboxes. If you're unable to greet on your assigned date, we request you find your own replacement if possible. We ask greeters to be at the front door entrance by 9:10 am. There are name tags and bulletins available at the Welcome Center. You will be sent a reminder the week you are scheduled via email. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way.

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](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are: Sept 12 – Habitat for Humanity
Sept 19 – Fremont Service Committee
Sept 26 – Ferris Campus Ministry

Stock the Pantry

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

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