

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 20, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Dear Second Church Family

I want to thank Second Church for the opportunity to serve you as your Music Director for the last two and a half years. It has truly been an honor to worship with you. Many of you have become friends and that will not cease now that I am in the "retirement" category. I pray for blessings and the presence of God to continue be evident as you move forward.

Wendy Kops

Worship Service, Sunday, April 24, 2022

Pastor Dan's sermon "The Answer to How? Is Yes!" is based on Luke 9:10-17.

Pre-service Prayer

Do you long for a few moments of meditation, quiet and prayer before the Sunday morning worship services begins? Join us in the Fireside Room/Library each Sunday morning at 9:05am for a short reading from God's Word and a time of prayer and leave refreshed.

Sermon Note Sheets

Do you like to take sermon notes or think you'd like to start? You'll find blank 5x7 note sheets on the literature ledge by the bulletins and at the welcome center for that purpose. Help yourself!

Our Church Family

Marv Folkema has passed away. Services are pending

Community Announcements

Council update

- a. Council noted we are falling behind in our giving fortunately our expenses are under budget.
- b. Council supported going to a 12 person Council for church year 2022-2023
- c. Council approved a list of nominees for 2022-2023 council members and committee members.
- d. Council approved Wendy Kops resignation
- e. Council approved going forward with townhall congregation meetings beginning April 24, 2022
- f. Council approved Pastor Dan's request for time off for a STM conference followed by vacation time.

Clerk, JPM

The **Wednesday afternoon Bible study** meets at 2:30pm today and will continue their study in 1 Timothy 6. Please join us.

Mobile Food Truck, Wednesday, April 20 – Volunteers Needed

This afternoon we will again offer drive-thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help. If you have plastic bags you would like to donate for the distribution, drop them off at the church office.

Fremont Christian School Annual Auction, Friday, April 22

Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30p and the Live Auction will begin at 7p at the Fremont Christian School gym. Come out for a great auction and a delicious meal of smoked pulled pork and all the sides.

Senior Luncheon, Sunday April 24

It's that time of year again when the deacons look forward to hosting the seniors of our congregation to a special meal. All seniors are invited to join us for a soup and salad luncheon following the service. We ask that you sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

SOS Ministries, Paul Gonzales memorial, April 30, 2022

You are invited to participate in a special evening to celebrate the life and ministry of our dear, and deeply missed friend, Paul Gonzalez, who passed away in September. This memorial event will take place on **Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Church of the Living Christ** (605 Hemlock Street.) The evening will begin at 5:00 PM with CLC's delicious Mexican Dinner, followed (6:30-ish) by a time of reflection and remembering Paul's incredible life and ministry to the people of Mexico and our 20 years of ministry partnership with him. For meal purposes, please let Mike DeKuiper (231) 335-6171 or Mariel Poel (231) 349-9152 know if you plan on attending the dinner.

Mother's Day Ad in Hi-Lites

Mother's Day is the perfect day to honor those who gave us life. If you would like to thank your mother, grandmother, or any special woman, 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 Mother's day, May 9, by Newaygo Right to Life. Every life is precious and designed by God.

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: April 24, 2022 – Newaygo County Compassion House
May 1, 2022 – True North
May 8, 2022 – Christian Education Fund
May 15, 2022 – Ferris University Campus Ministry
May 22, 2022 – Insight Pregnancy Services
May 29, 2022 – Fremont Service Committee

Stock the Pantry

For April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Prayer Corner

In the last two weeks we have looked at Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and also His prayers from the cross. Today let's consider some additional teachings on prayer.

Two disciples finally recognized Jesus after the resurrection when He prayed thanks over the evening meal.
(Read Luke 24: 30-31)

At the time of His ascension into heaven, Jesus lifted up His hands and prayed a blessing on the disciples.
(Read Luke 24:50,51)

Jesus tells us that if we ask Him, he will give us living water which represents eternal life.
(Read John 4:10)

Jesus teaches that during prayer we need to forgive others so that God will forgive us.
(Read Mark 11:25)

Jesus says that when we ask and receive in His name, it will bring complete joy.
(Read John 16:24)

Jesus said that if we unite with Him and remain with Him, we can ask to bear the spiritual fruit that we wish and it will be so.
(Read John 15:7,8)

Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit. Although Jesus did not specifically mention the word prayer when telling the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit, the actions of the Holy Spirit such as guidance, truth, clarifying for us what God is doing and reminding us of what Jesus has said all come through prayer and meditation. (Read John 16:12-15)

Jesus explains that certain situations can only be remedied with intense prayer.
(Read Mark 9:29)

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