

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 27, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Student Ministries Director's desk

My favorite part of my role has always been spending time with students, and this last week was no different. Sunday morning, our high school Sunday School class spent time wrapping up our series on the person of Jesus. We looked in-depth at different parts of his life and learned from Angie Smith that "it's not that [we] know about Jesus, it is [important] that [we] know Jesus." Sunday, we finished by talking about three things: first, the story (from Luke 24) about the road to Emmaus; second, the story behind the song "Blessed Be Your Name"; finally, the question "who is Jesus to you?" At the end of our time together, since it was our last class, I invited each student to consider whether or not they were ready for profession of faith, and then I prayed for the class.

I am struck by how beautiful Sunday School has been this year. For so many students, the Sunday School hour is the most dreaded hour of the week, yet it has been completely the opposite this year. Students engaged with the content, good questions were asked, and I think we all learned something. At least I know I did. I learned that sometimes the most important thing to do is practice what we preach by learning with the students. I learned that sometimes I have just as many questions as they do, and it is ok that neither of us has all the answers. I learned what it looks like to hope deeply. I think that's the thing about Student Ministry that many people get wrong – we aren't supposed to be the sage on the stage; we are supposed to be a guide alongside. I think I've learned more this year about Jesus from these students than ever before; it is my hope they would say the same thing about me. What are you learning? Where is Jesus showing up for you? Because even when you think he isn't, he is.

Worship Service, Sunday, May1, 2022

Pastor Ron Baker will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Not a Failure" is based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. There will be an outline available on the literature ledge.

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

Helen Veenstra, a long time member of Second Church passed away Friday, April 22nd. Visitation will be held at the Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home from 6-8 PM on Thursday, and at the church from 10-11 AM on Friday. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Second, followed by a luncheon. You can watch the service livestream at tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

Community Announcements

Council update

1. Council approved proposed 2022-23 church budget for submission to congregation
2. Pulpit supply and pianist are confirmed for May 1 and May 8
3. Randy and Ann Pell will chair the committee seeking a Music Director replacement.
4. Council passed a motion to continue our 60/40 support split with Young Life
5. Council passed a motion that compensation for guest pianist be raised to \$100.00 plus mileage.

Clerk, JPM

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

SOS Ministries, Paul Gonzales memorial, April 30, 2022

You are invited to participate in a special evening to celebrate the life and ministry of 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 Mexican Dinner, followed (6:30-ish) by a time of reflection and remembering Paul's 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.

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: May 1, 2022 – True North
May 8, 2022 – Christian Education Fund
May 15, 2022 – Ferris University Campus Ministry

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

If it becomes difficult for you to pray.
then offer this little prayer, "Lord, teach me to pray!"
There is nothing that He, the Spirit of prayer,
would rather do.

O. Hallesby
found in Prayer Power Points
compiled by Randall D. Roth

Lord, teach us to pray...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6: 9-13

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