

SECOND'S MATTERS

May 18, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Worship Service, Sunday, May 22, 2022

Pastor Dan Brouwer will be leading us in worship. His message "Never Lose Sight of Our Ascended Lord" is based on Acts 7:54-60.

Preparation for Worship

You are invited to come into the sanctuary before 9:30 on Sunday mornings to prepare your heart for worship. The Lord is waiting for you there. Ask Him to silence the distractions of life so you can focus on who He is, His glory, majesty, dominion and power. Take advantage of this opportunity for quiet, personal worship with the One who gave His all for you.

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

Pray for healing and strength for **Josie Visser** as she under goes chemotherapy treatments.

Pray for **Wayne Homan** who has heart and kidney issues. Pray for Marian too as she cares for him.

Rich Kraley needs our prayers as he continues in his battle against cancer.

Community Announcements

From the Council

Sunday at the town hall, the council shared a document and asked us to vote on the compiled priorities. You can access that document by [CLICKING HERE](#) or picking up a copy in church. We ask that you return this by email before 3 pm on May 20 or in person by May 22 to the box in the lobby.

Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting is tonight, May 18 at 7 pm.

From the Library

P. Brian Nobel, CEO of Peacemaker Ministries has written two books that could be helpful as we seek to work through the issues we are facing at 2nd Church.

- The Path of a Peacemaker: Your Biblical Guide to Healthy Relationships, Conflict Resolution and a Life of Peace

"Each chapter in The Path of the Peacemaker is filled with solid, practical navigation for conflict resolution, as if Jesus were standing in our midst. The Path of the Peacemaker should be on everyone's required reading list to better understand how our perspective about God affects the peace we have in everyday relationships."

Judy Steidl, COO of ICC Peace

- Living Reconciled: 7 Ways to Bring Peace to Your Most Difficult Relationships

“ In Living Reconciled, P. Brian Noble inspires us to view our relationships with others in the context of our relationship with God.”

Dr. Kent Mankins, pastor and licensed mental health counselor

Both books are on the table under the Faith Promise bulletin board.

Shepherding Elders' Meeting:

- Bob shared an article from the CRC Network entitled “The NFL, Culture Wars and Article 17’s”. We felt it worthwhile and can be viewed at [HERE](#).
- the restructuring of council with four elder/deacon care groups and possibly adding visiting teams to each group
- how to deal with “the past” and focus on “going forward”
- Pastor Dan is encouraged with the work he sees being done.

Church Office

The church office will not have regular office hours for the next two weeks. If you have an announcement for Second’s Matters, please email (office@secondcrcfremont.org) or call (924-0170) the church by Tuesday, 5pm or for the bulletin by Thursday, 5pm.

Combined Worship, May 29

On Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship service at Veterans’ Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. Please bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments and kids’ activities. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/FirstCRCFremont.

Reeman VBS June 13-17

Journey through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. At TREASURED VBS kids will discover God’s greatest treasure isn’t diamonds, gems or gold - it’s them! Join us from June 13-17 at Reeman CRC for this excellent week! [Sign up here](#)! For more information contact Lizzie Van Wyk or Carla Proctor.

Challenge for Life 2022, June 4

Insight Pregnancy Services is hosting the 22nd annual Challenge for Life fundraising event. Participants can choose to walk 2.5 miles or canoe/kayak 6 miles down the Muskegon River. We encourage families, individuals, and even teams to join in! Location: Newaygo High School, 200 East Street, Newaygo. You can register online (InsightPregnancy.com/challengeforlife) call or text (231) 335-2413 or email: Madison@InsightPregnancy.com if you have any questions.

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 22, 2022 – Insight Pregnancy Services

May 29, 2022 – Fremont Service Committee

Stock the Pantry

For May, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Summer Get-Away

Ladies...this is for you!

The word is out! We are planning a special morning summer get-away at The Shack in White Cloud on August 13 just for ladies! We'll plan to car pool from Fremont. It's open for high school gals and ladies of all ages, so mark your calendar now and plan to come and join us. You won't want to miss out!

More information will be out later. Got questions? Check in with Gretchen Kronsbein, Michele Vansoelen, Torri Wilkinson, Vicki Gilliland or Bette Wagenmaker.

See you at The Shack on August 13!

The Prayer Corner

Take time and go to a quiet place and ask yourself an important question:

- “Am I so concerned and focused on circumstances around me that my view of God is clouded or even distorted?”

If your answer was “yes”, do the next thing and ask the Lord to help you to refocus your attention to Him and away from troublesome circumstances. Make Him the main focus in your life, not the circumstances.

Take time to meditate on the words of Mary's Song from Luke 1:46.

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thought. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things. But has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever even as he saw to our father.”

Holy is the Lord God Almighty!

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