SECOND'S MATTERS July 13, 2022



Sunday Service, July 17, 2022

Pastor Jack Roeda will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Just Do It" is based on Luke 10: 25-37, The children will be taking a noisy coin collection for Hand2Hand.

Our Church Family

Please remember in prayer the people in our church family as they undergo and recover from surgeries in the weeks to come. May the surgeries and recovery go well.

Josie Visser had her 6th chemotherapy treatment on Monday, July 11. Pray that she will be able to tolerate the chemo and will have minimal side effects.

Pray for Rich Kraley, his wife Julie, their children and grandchildren. Rich was set to come home from the hospital Tuesday to be under hospice care. Pray for strength for Rich and his family for the completion of his earthly journey and for peace and comfort that only the Lord can bring.

Wayne Homan struggles with heart and kidney problems. Please pray for him.

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, July 20 - Volunteers needed

On Wednesday, July 20, 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. <u>Volunteers are needed</u> - 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.

Bible League

Each year Bible League Volunteer ambassadors send out a special fundraising letter to their church members. Together we ar equipping Christians and churches all of the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look fo this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for th work of the Scripture engagement. We appreciate any contribution you feel led to provide.

August 13th Morning Getaway for Women

Have you been wishing for a few hours to get away from the busyness, responsibilities and routines of life? Have you been wanting to connect with other women and gals but working it into your schedule is sometimes just too tricky? Have you wanted quiet, uninterrupted time alone with the Lord to read, pray and meditate? If your answer is "yes" to any or all of these questions we have something just for you!

Since we believe that women desire to be together in community and to spend quality, quiet time with the Lord, we are planning a focused, yet low-key morning getaway at The Shack, 2263 W. 14th St., White Cloud on August 13th from 8:30-11:30am. It's for high school gals and women of all ages. We've titled the getaway "Finding Peace in Chaos: Exploring Wisdom" and our verse for the day is Proverbs 4:4 "Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live."

Times of worship, a self-guided time of meditation/journaling between just you and the Lord, a time of being with others in small groups, and a time of fellowship with snacks will fill out our three hour getaway. If meditation/journaling is new to you, take heart! No one will be checking up on you, there's

no right or wrong answers or there's not one particular way to spend that time. Part of your meditative/journaling time could be spent taking a walk or just enjoying The Shack's beautiful surroundings. One more thing...you don't have to share your thoughts in the small group time unless you want to.

Sound interesting? We hope you'll come and join us! A car-pool option will be available for those who would like it.

Registration will begin soon. Questions? Contact Vicki Gilliland, Gretchen Kronsbein, Michele Van Soelen, Bette Wagenmaker or Tori Wilkinson.

Library Book Review

Seeking Allah: Finding Jesus is a moving story about the struggles Muslims face when converting to Christianity and how the power of friendship is a key component in moving people towards Christ.

Nabeel Quershi grew up in the Islamic faith. However, throughout the book Nabeel explains how conversations with his friend David Wood convinced him that the evidence for Christianity was enough to give up his religion and sacrifice good relations with his parents. I recommend this book because it will teach you why you can trust the Christian faith and how to become more understanding of Muslims. It's the best book I've ever read about faith in Jesus Christ.

-Sydney Wagenmaker

You'll find this inspiring book, ready for check out, on the table in the lobby at church.

Prayer Vigil - July 27, 2022

On Wednesday, July 27th from 4-7pm we will be holding our second Prayer Vigil at church. Our focus will be to pray for spiritual renewal and restoration for us individually and for 2nd Church. Since we acknowledge that each of us needs to confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness and restoration, this vigil will give each of us the opportunity to come boldly in the quiet and seek His face.

A signup sheet with 15 minute time slots will be in the church lobby beginning on Sunday, July 17th. You are encouraged to sign up for one or more times as your schedule allows. Guidelines will be available at the church on the afternoon of the vigil or will be emailed or mailed to your home. Please let Bette Wagenmaker know if you would like them sent to you. These are simply guidelines so feel free to adjust them as needed. Enjoy the freedom you have to pray as the Lord directs you.

Our needs may be great, but our God is far greater than any need we bring to Him.

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: July 17 – True North Tools for School July 24 – Commnuity Closet July 31 – Fremont Christian School

Stock the Pantry

For July, the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. They can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Prayer Corner

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall, God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see the woks of the Lord,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
he burns the shields with fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

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