

SECOND'S MATTERS

July 20, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday Service, July 24, 2022

Pastor Brian Kingshott will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Deeply Rooted" is based on Psalm 1.

Service of Restoration and Brunch on Sunday, July 31st

On Sunday, July 31st, we will be having a special service of restoration at 9:30am.

Pastor Drew Sweetman, pastor of First CRC, Fremont, will lead us in worship and will be preaching that morning. We will also be partaking of communion. A Preparation for a Service of Restoration was sent out on email on Monday, July 18th, in place of the this week's prayer guide. Hard copies are available on the same table as the prayer vigil sign-up.

Following this service there will be a brunch at 11:00am, in the fellowship hall. Join others for food and a time of sharing together and visiting. Please take a moment and sign up in the narthax so we now how many to plan for.

Our Church Family

Please remember in prayer Karen Vogel who will be having knee replacement surgery today. Pray that the surgery and recovery goes well.

Pray for healing and strength for Dave Poel as he recovers from surgery.

Pray for Rich Krale, 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.

Community Announcements

Mobile Food Truck, July 20 – TODAY

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. 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.

Prayer Vigil Sign-Up

Join with others in our church family for a prayer vigil on Wednesday, July 27th from 4-7pm. You are invited to pray at church or another quiet place of your choosing. Please sign up in the narthex for one or more 15 minute time slots. Our hope is to have the entire three hour period covered in prayer as together we pray for 2nd Church and our own needs. If you would like the prayer points emailed to you, please contact Bette at bettecarlson62@yahoo.com. They will also be available at church at the vigil.

Bible League

Each year Bible League Volunteer ambassadors send out a special fundraising letter to their church members. Together we are 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 for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for the work of the Scripture engagement. We appreciate any contribution you feel led to provide.

Morning Getaway for Women, August 13th

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. There is no cost to attend. We'll be in the pavilion, which is within walking distance from the main building and parking lots. Signs will guide you. For those needing assistance, we'll be ready to help you. Does this type of getaway sound very new to you yet something you want to check out?

We've titled the getaway "Finding Peace in Chaos: Exploring Wisdom" and our verse is:

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."
Proverbs 4:4

Times of worship, a self-guided time of meditation/journaling between just you and the Lord, being with others in a small group, 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 and 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.

What to bring: yourself and your Bible and you'll want to wear comfortable shoes for walking on uneven ground.

What's provided: a tranquil, restful location, journals, pens, the morning's schedule with meditative/journaling guidelines and song sheets, light snacks and coffee, tea and water.

Registration is open! You may register online at 2nd Church's website, <https://secondcsrcfremont.org>. Follow the get involved, adult ministries, and women's ministry links. Follow the link under women's ministries to register. You will also find questions relating to car pooling. We'd appreciate if you'd take a moment to answer those questions. Hard copies of the registration form, including the carpooling questions are also on the literature ledge. Please use either the online or paper option to register. Registration is open through Sunday, July 31st.

Sound interesting? We hope you'll come and join us! Questions? Contact Vicki Gilliland, Gretchen Kronsbein, Michele Van Soelen, Bette Wagenmaker or Tori Wilkinson.

Update from Karin Medical Clinics and Agape Christian School in Gulu, Uganda

Greetings from Joan and Roger Sikkenga to our friends, prayer partners, and donors,

First and foremost, we want to thank all of you for your consistent prayers, encouragement, and support for the Karin medical clinics and the new Agape Christian School. The school has finally reopened after a near two-year hiatus because of Covid.

Deep freshwater boreholes/wells, providing clean water for the clinics and the school, are now in place providing life-sustaining water for the surrounding villages, as well as the clinics and school. The new laboratory is now finished and operational providing, at last, an income stream for the clinics. A new maternity center was opened at the Agonga center now giving us two maternity centers both staffed by midwives. Yes, God has been good, thanks to all of you even during these pandemic times.

God is working with His people, through His people, and saving lives medically, and imparting God's grace and love and knowledge of Scripture through the staff.

Thank you again and may God bless all of you!

Rog and Joan Sikkenga

Below is an excerpt from a recent newsletter and shows more evidence of God working in Gulu, Uganda.

- Hope comes in many ways: Job 14:7-9!
New Water pump at Agape school: Our prayer for clean water at Agape school has been answered! We are grateful to God that through our supporters from Kalamazoo, MI, our new water pump is fully functioning. It's by the grace of God that fresh & clean water is available to

the children. This also means that the toilet and hand washing facilities can now be efficiently used. Water and sanitation are key elements of hygiene against childhood diarrhea and other water borne diseases.

- New Computers to ease communication in our facilities:

God has again seen us through in our need to improve our health information management system. Through generous individuals, God has provided us with 3 high quality printers and two computers which have been distributed to our different facilities. One computer set together with a printer were assembled at Unyama health facility and Agape school. The head teacher at Agape school - Teacher Lillian together with Unyama incharge are so grateful to God for the new tools. We shall now be able to type documents and print with ease. We haven't had a computer at the school since we opened our doors to the children. This is God's blessing on my team and the school. Teacher Lillian.

- We encourage you to continue praying with us so that God enables us to fulfill our goals of providing healthcare to the most vulnerable.

Sincerely

Hope Okeny (director) & Leonard

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 24 – Community 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

Wisdom from King Solomon for living today

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding
Proverbs 8: 10

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
Keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life,
but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
Proverbs 15: 1-4

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16: 3

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