

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 3, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Faith Promise Sunday, August 7

Pastor Nate Kooistra will lead us in worship. His sermon "Ladders Everywhere" is based on John 1:43-51. Tyler Cook will give a brief presentation of the missions which we support through our Faith Promise giving.

Our Church Family

Pray for healing and strength for Karen Vogel, Dave Poel, Josie Visser, Wayne Homan.

Pray for Rich Krale, his wife Julie, their children and grandchildren. Rich came home from the hospital 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

Christian Education Fund Projected Giving for 2022/2023 School Year:

A letter has been placed in your church mailbox along with a Projected Giving Card for the Christian Education Fund for the upcoming 2022/2023 school year. This year we estimate that we will have 15 children utilizing our Christian Education Fund at a cost of approximately \$102,000.

Please place your Projected Giving Card in the box in the church foyer by August 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686. We would also like to thank the congregation for helping us complete our obligations for the past school year!

Faith Promise 2022-2023

Our annual Faith Promise pledge will begin on Sunday, August 7. This year's goal is \$35,000 to be distributed evenly amongst our 7 mission which we support: Appalachia Reach Out, Karin Medical Clinic, Growing Hope Globally (Foods Resource Bank), SOS Ministries, Mission India, Resonate Global Mission (Leah Sweetman) and Haiti Foundation. The Faith Promise booklet and pledge cards will be in your church mailbox by Friday, August 5.

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.

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

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: Aug 7 – Resonate World Missions
Aug 14 – Western Michigan Christian High School
Aug 21 – Newaygo County Compassion House
Aug 28 – Fremont Service Committee

Stock the Pantry

For August, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, tuna, canned meat. They can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Prayer Corner

As you pray this week spend time think about the greatness of our God. Then in the quiet thank Him for His gift of salvation and His daily presence in your life. Let the selected verses of Psalm 29 and Psalm 30 fill you with joy and peace.

Psalm 29: 1-5, 11

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 30: 1-5

I will exalt you, O Lord; for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
O Lord, you brought me up from the grave,
you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his, praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

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