SECOND'S MATTERS October 19, 2022



Sunday, October 23

Pastor Carl Bergman will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Remembering God's Deliverance" is based on Numbers 9:1-14.

Our Church Family

Continued prayers for healing and strength for Rich Kraley, Josie Visser and John VanHekken.

"Thank you for the prayers and expressions of sympathy for us with the recent passing of our Dad and Grandpa. We have been blessed through you. Love in Christ, **Carol**, **Mike**, **Ben**, **Braden and Madelyn DeWeerd**"

Community Announcements

Council Meeting

Council meets tonight, October 19 at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Mobile Food Truck, Oct 19 - Volunteers needed

Today, October 19, 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.

Property Committee

The Property Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 26th at 7pm.

Senior Pastor Search Committee

The Search Committee, (Audra Powell, Chris Boven, Charlie DeKryger, Jason DeKuiper, Matt Mellema, Gail Wagenmaker, and Ken Wolffis), has started meeting. If you have potential candidates that you would like to share, please contact a committee member. Please be in prayer for our church, the Council and this committee as this process gets underway.

Kids Hope, 2022-2023

Kids Hope has started back up for the school year and we are planning on having the Best Year Ever!!! Please be in prayer for all the mentors and students as they meet each week for their mentor hour. We are grateful to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our local elementary schools! If you are feeling a nudge to be part of this amazing outreach ministry, contact Stephanie DeKuiper or Chelsea Breuker.

Trunk or Treat Event, October 31

The Outreach Committee is planning a "Trunk or Treat" event on Monday, October 31 in the church parking lot. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would be willing to hand out candy from your trunk on Halloween night. If you would like to help plan this event, please see Jason DeKuiper.

Fremont Service Committee

The Fremont Service Committee Car Ministry has been an outreach ministry of the Newaygo County Christian Reformed Ministries for many years. This ministry helps applicants with placement of used cars to help them get to work, assists with repairs to cars they own and assists them in other areas through personal contact and support, as well as outside referrals to additional services. A

newsletter telling about this committee's ministry in Newaygo County has been placed in your lobby mailbox along with an informational pamphlet about the Fremont Service Committee.

Christmas Decorating Party

The Fellowship Team welcomes everyone to a Christmas Decorating Party on November 20 at 5pm. We will be assisting the Worship Team with decorating the church and end with a light supper of sloppy joes at 6. There will be a movie for the young children while everyone is working. Also, if you are available after the season, we will need help taking down the decorations. A sign up paper is on the table in the narthex for helpers, how many for dinner and if you will be helping take down. "Many hands make light work!"

Crop Walk

Thank you to Second Church for helping to raise \$625.00 to fight local and world hunger in the recent Fremont Crop Walk.

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 for October are:

October 23 – True North

October 20 - Christian Education Fund

Stock the Pantry

For October, the requested food items are canned fruits and vegetables. They can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

New Library Books

There is a new selection of fiction books on the table in the lobby. Hope you'll find some good reads for these chilly fall days. But, please remember to check out your books before taking them home and return them to the library when you are finished reading them. That way everyone has the opportunity to enjoy them. Check out sheets are in the lobby and on the tall bookcase in the library.

Missionary Update from Mission India

We would like to introduce our newest Mission India Church Planters. Funds from our church's Faith Promise giving help with their financial support. Please pray for them as they share the gospel with their own people in India.

Mohan Majhi, Church Planter

I was born in a Christian family. My parents taught me to love Jesus and attend church worship services, but I stopped listening to them. I went and did things with my friends instead. One day, a pastor came to my house and shared about Jesus and His sacrifice. After that, I wanted to know more about Jesus. By God's grace I started to understand my need for salvation and received Jesus as my Savior. After I was baptized, I decided to serve the Lord by doing full time ministry. Now God is showing me how to do ministry. I thank Him for His grace and for this chance to share with others.

Narendra Mallick, Church Planter

I was born in a Hindu family. I was going to Hindu temples like my parents. I believed in many gods and goddesses but my life was in ruin. In those years I was sad and had many health issues. But then a pastor came and shared Matthew 11:28 with us. He prayed to Jesus and helped us understand the truth. After I was healed through prayer, I received Jesus as my Savior and dedicated my life to ministry. I was baptized and God healed my broken heart. I have experienced the joy of salvation and forgiveness. Today I am a Gospel singer. God is showing me how to do ministry. I am so thankful to God for this opportunity to serve Him. Thank you.

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PRAYER REQUESTS for Mohan and Narendra

Pray for strength and boldness for them while sharing the Gospel.

Pray for God to protect them since sharing the Gospel can be met with opposition.

Pray for a "person of peace" in each neighborhood that they visit.

Pray that God prepares the hearts and minds of those who will soon come in contact with Mohan or Narendra.

Pray that the people will be won to the Lord because of their ministries.

Prayer Corner

A devotional from Carol Kent's book *He Holds My Hand: Experiencing God's Presence & Protection* is a good reminder to all of us to keep praying, trusting and serving.

"Look around and find someone who is struggling. He or she might be dealing with a spiritual issue, a physical need, or a mental challenge. Ask Me what you can do for that person. Check your existing resources and then do something to help.

Continue to pray about your role in sowing seeds of hope into that person. Does she need to hear the gospel message? Does he need to be reminded that I love him and care about meeting his needs? Does she need someone to listen to her story? Does he need a hot meal or clothing? As you continue to sow healing and hope into other people's lives, look for the harvest. It may not come immediately, but it will come. And as you pray that I send more workers to meet the needs of the people you see, don't be surprised when I ask you to be My representative! Keep sowing good seed and then rejoice in the harvest that will follow."

"He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Matthew 9:37-38

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