

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 29, 2023



Sunday, April 2, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Triumph or Tragedy?" is based on Mark 11:1-11. Greeters are Karen Admiraal and Jennifer McDonnell.

Pre-Service Prayer

Everyone is invited to join with others in the Fireside Room/Library at 9:05 am each Sunday morning for prayer. We share requests, read a portion of scripture, and have a time of silent and verbal prayer. Praying silently or out loud is your choice and no one is made to feel uncomfortable. If this is something you would like to try, please join us. We want you to know how welcome you will be.

The Community Evening Worship: April 2, 5:00pm at First CRC

Our Church Family

Please remember **Steve Thatcher**, a former member and his family in your prayers. Steve is in the hospital due to complications from a fall.

Please continue to pray for the **Platzer family**. Maryna let us know that **Danylo** (their oldest son) is in the hospital receiving intensive therapy for laryngitis and a dry cough that they could not stop at home. **Timofey** (their youngest son) is home but continues to have a high fever and cough! Please pray for healing!

John Mellema's sister-in-law, **Debbie Mellema**, is now at home. Please pray for the family as the doctors determine the next steps in her care.

Community Announcements

The Property Committee will meet tonight at 7:00 PM

KidsOwn, Children's Choir, Sunday School (grades 5-12) and FYSH will not meet on April 2 and April 9 due to spring break.

COFFEE BREAK will not meet on April 4.

Sunday Fun Day was a big success!

The corn hole tournament won by Jason Snyder and Kit Powell tasked the team of Ty and Jody Cook for the win.

Mike and Heather Love brought their bounce house which was the favorite place for the younger kids.

Bingo, face painting, Ring Toss and a smaller corn hole set up for the younger kids kept everyone engaged.

Hot dogs and homemade chili and soup filled the tummies.

Thanks to all the adults and young people who helped to make this a great fellowship time!



Wellspring Adult Day Services

Wellspring Adult Day Services is looking for individuals who have a couple of free hours available during the week to transport individuals to and from Wellspring ADS located at the Reeman Christian Reformed Church. You will be reimbursed for your mileage, and you will also have the opportunity to build a relationship with our Wellspring guest. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy, please call Allie Maat at 231.519.5450 or email at wellspringads@gmail.com for more information.

Ukraine Update

Our committee has added 2 new members: Karen Vogel and Sue Baar to the housing committee. They will be working with Mary Breuker to get furnishings and necessities for the family's arrival. We will be assessing needs for both the apartment and clothing in the next few weeks after we have visited the apartment. We will then communicate specific needs to the congregation via 2nd Matters for consideration. We are limited in storage space and ask for things to not be dropped off at church but rather contact one of the 3 members. We appreciate the eagerness and willingness of the many who want to donate but we cannot deal with overload. If items are donated that are later found to be in excess, they will be passed on to community resale stores. If you have larger item such as beds, sofas, dressers, etc. that you are planning to get rid of, we ask that you hang on to them for a few weeks if possible until we know what we can use. We are eager to get started and feel God's blessing on our project!

Mary Breuker (231- 327-2106), Karen Vogel (231-750-9615) Sue Baar (231-373-4009)

FYSH Leaders Needed:

Do you have a heart for building relationships and helping high school students grow in their relationship with God? Are you looking for a really fun way to get involved in a growing ministry? Our High School ministry (FYSH) is in need of 2 adult leaders who would be willing to invest in the lives of our students. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Nate Kooistra at natekooistra@gmail.com. or Ashley Luchies at amluchies@yahoo.com

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 April are:

April 2 – GEMS

April 9 – Western Michigan Christian High School

April 16 – Christian Education Fund

April 23 – Second/Trinity Cadets

April 30 – Wellspring Adult Day Services

Stock the Pantry

For April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Dear friend,

As you stand at the foot of the cross during this Lenten season, bring your sins and your doubts to the one who loved you enough to give His very life for you. Accept the grace which He so freely bestows on you.

"The shadow of the cross teaches us what God offers us. The cross teaches us that God offers us the one thing that no other person or thing can. He offers us the grace of forgiveness. He offers us the grace of welcome unto relationship with him. He offers us the grace of personal transformation. He offers us the grace of a new identity and new potential. He offers us the grace of a glorious and fully secured destiny. Yes, it is true, he offers us grace upon grace!"

Journey to the Cross: a 40-day Lenten Devotional
Paul David Tripp

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
he himself will redeem Israel from their sins.

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