

SECOND'S MATTERS

April 26, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Christian Character - Honesty" is based on Leviticus 19:35-37 and Matthew 26:57-66. The greeters are Jud and Evie Afman

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.

Sunday, April 30 - GEMS Worship Service at 5:00p at TRINITY CRC

Our Church Family

Thank you for the prayers and concern for **Gary** during his recent surgery. Although it was a little more involved than we hoped, it was successful and he is doing better every day.

Gary and Mary Breuker

Thank You

The Housing Committee will be finished preparing a home for the Platzer Family by their arrival on Saturday. It has been a huge and satisfying project to turn the apartment into a welcoming home for the Platzers. We on the committee could not have done this without God's blessings and the support and prayers of the congregation. The donations and offers of help have been greatly appreciated and I think the Platzers will be very pleased with the results. Thank you!

Pastor Rosswell "Lucky" Fulton, age 93 of Bitely, passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his side on Thursday, April 13, 2023 following a decline in his health. Many of us knew him because Pastor Lucky was a long-time speaker at the Medical Care Facility and had led worship services for us.

Please continue to pray for the **Platzer family** as they start their journey to Fremont.

Community Announcements

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4, 7pm

Second Church will be providing an opportunity for the community a time to pray for our nation and our world at the church starting at 7pm. All are invited to join us.

End-of-Year Potluck, May 7, 2023

Come join us for an end of year potluck, May 7 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our educational activities are winding down and we want to celebrate a year of learning, fellowship, and fun. Sign up on the table in the lobby.

Congregational Meeting, May 17, 2023

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7 pm. The council is seeking the approval of the following council members. Bryan Van Soelen as elder, Jody Cook and Bob Hayward as deacons. John Mellema and Ken Wolffis will be extending their terms for one more year and Dave Poel will be completing a two year term. The council will be going to 11 members this year, 5 elders and 6 deacons because we could not fill the elder position. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented for approval.

New Books for the Library

There are some great new reads in the library. There are Christian fiction and non-fiction titles ready to be checked out and enjoyed. Please sign out your choices before taking them home. If you haven't stepped into the library lately, please do so. We added a nice assortment of puzzles to the collection this winter. Anytime is a good time for a puzzle or a good book!

Live Concert, Saturday, April 29, at 5pm,

Brent Vernon, singer, songwriter, ventriloquist, author, and illustrator will be giving a free live concert for the whole family at Fremont United Methodist Church, (351 Butterfield, Fremont). Come and enjoy the songs and stories of Brent Vernon with a special appearance of Sam.

HI-Lites Mother's Day Ad

If you would like to thank your mother, grandmother, or another special person, place their name on the list /envelope on the literature ledge and put \$2.00 in the envelope for each name.

Note from Maryna Platzer

Good morning Mary,

Thank you for the story about the apartment. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to furnish it and purchase all the things that are there. We are also grateful to you personally for your help and efforts.

Danylo was very happy when he heard that a boy of his age lived next door. We are happy about everything that awaits us there and are grateful to God for people like you. We are filled with emotions from everything that is happening now, but we are engaged with powerful support from your community, so our hearts are at peace. May the Lord bless you.

Ukraine Update

Good news, Maryna received her travel authorization from Homeland Security and they are preparing to come. They plan on leaving Transcarpathia April 25th. They will take a train to Budapest and fly from there to Frankfurt. When they arrive in Frankfurt, they plan to buy tickets to New York and from there to Detroit with a rest day somewhere in between. They will be arriving each with one suitcase and a backpack on April 29, Lord willing. Members of the welcoming group will be meeting them in Detroit and bring them to their new home in Fremont.

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.

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 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

Praying for the Platzer Family

It is our privilege to share prayer requests for the Platzer family as they leave Ukraine this week to travel to the United States and settle into their new home in Fremont.

While it is difficult for us to understand what it has been like to live in war-torn Ukraine and to make the hard decision to leave their families, friends, and neighbors behind, we can understand their desire to come to the U.S. for a better life for themselves and their young boys. We can't imagine the emotional strain of leaving their native country and everything they have with the exception of one suitcase and one backpack for each of them. But, we can understand the love of God for them and His protection over them.

As we continue to join together in prayer for the Platzer family, here are some areas to guide you. Please add others as the Lord directs you.

- Pray for them as they say goodbye to family, friends, neighbors and perhaps co-workers.
- Pray for safe travel with no delays and interruptions with an on-time arrival in Detroit on Saturday, April 29. Pray there are no delays going through customs.
- Pray that God will provide people to help with language difficulties and courteous and trustworthy travel personnel until they reach Detroit.
- Pray that they stay healthy and free from illness or injury.
- Pray especially that Timofey and Danilo will be able to handle the rigors of such a long trip and for patience and resilience for the whole family.
- Pray for a positive experience as they arrive in Fremont and settle into their new home. Pray that it meets their needs and that they are happy here.
- Ask the Lord to give Maryna and Andrian good rest and refreshment before tackling the tasks of adjusting to a new culture and way of life.
- Pray that our Second Church family will be loving, sensitive and gentle in their efforts to get the family connected with their new community.
- Pray that we continue to show the Platzers the love of Christ through our words, actions, smiles and caring deeds.

Dear friends...let us love one another,
for love comes from God.
I John 4:7a

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