

# SECOND'S MATTERS

April 5, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## Sunday, April 9, 2023

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "Tears Turned to Triumph!" is based on John 20:1-18. Greeters are Jeff and Chelsea Breuker.

### 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:** There will not be a service on April 9, 2023

### 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**

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

### Community Announcements

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

### Mobile Food Truck, April 19, 2023 – Volunteers needed

On Wednesday, April 19, we will again offer 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. **Volunteers are needed** - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell ([audrascott@hotmail.com](mailto:audrascott@hotmail.com)) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help



### Fun Day Bulletin Board

Our Sunday Fun Day in March was a huge success! Check out some photos on the bulletin board located next to the council room. They'll surely put a smile on your face! Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for planning such a fun activity for our church family.

### Ukraine Update

Last Friday, Danylo, the 8 year old was released from the hospital and was very happy to be back home again. Timothy, the 1 ½ year old, has bronchitis but seems to be improving slowly. The father, Andrian, has recovered as of last Saturday and they hope and pray they are over the worst of it.

Maryna's parents left for three months to take care of their parents in Germany; there was no work for them in their village so they left. The Platzer's are now living in their parents' home. Maryna says the air is better there for the boys and there is also room for them to go outside.

Monday Maryna went back to their apartment and started selling and getting rid of everything. It's a very bitter sweet time for them; they are excited to leave but didn't get to see their parents off because of their fear of spreading covid.

Maryna hopes to receive her updated travel voucher around May 18<sup>th</sup>, Lord willing. Please continue to keep them all in your prayer's, they are excited and anxious to come but at the same time feel the stress of such a move. She continually expresses to us the love they feel and the debt

of gratitude they owe to us as a congregation. Thank- you for all your support and willingness to help in this effort.

### **Ukraine Housing update**

The Platzer family is looking forward to coming to Fremont May first. Their apartment has been cleaned and painted. We are eager to get furnishings to make it a welcome home. Following is a list of items we hope to have donated. We ask that you offer clean, gently used things that, due to allergy concerns, are free of pet hair. We can provide pick up of larger items if needed.

Sofa

1 or2 " comfy" living room chairs

2-3 side tables

Dining table /3-4 chairs ( the dining area is very small and the table should be size for seating 4 people)

Baby high chair

1 Queen bed

2 twin beds or bunk beds

2-3 dressers

2-4 night stands

These are the basic items we are looking for now. More items later.

Please call Mary Breuker (231- 327-2106), Karen Vogel (231-750-9615), or Sue Baar (231-373-4009) for more information or to arrange pick up.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:natekooistra@gmail.com). or Ashley Luchies at [amluchies@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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

Sitting under the shadow of the cross of Jesus...

"Under the shadow of the cross

- sin doesn't surprise us anymore, doesn't depress us anymore and doesn't move us to deny or defend.
- we remember who we are and what it is that we are dealing with.
- we are required to admit that the greatest enemy we face is not maltreatment or difficulty from without, but the enemy from within.
- we quit pointing fingers and begin crying out for help.
- we are reminded that we are not in the battle alone and we admit that we have no power whatsoever to battle on our own.
- we get our sanity back, admitting who we are and what it is that we so desperately need.

The shadow of the cross is a place of peace and protection that be found nowhere else. Allow the shadow of the cross to be your teacher.

For your reflection...

What do you think it means to live under the shadow of the cross?

What are some practical ways to get yourself there?"

Journey to the Cross: a 40-Day Lenten Devotional

Paul David Tripp

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