

# SECOND'S MATTERS

May 10, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## **Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Pastor Dave Brower will be leading us in worship. His message "A Woman of Noble Character" is based on Proverbs 31:10-31. The greeters are Chuck and Melanie DeKryger

### **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, May 14 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC**

### **Our Church Family**

**John Van Hekken** has been diagnosed with lymphoma that has traveled to his brain and spinal cord. He is in Butterworth Hospital receiving chemotherapy. Pray for effective treatment and a return of his strength and mobility.

### **Thank You**

On behalf of the Housing Committee, we would like to thank the congregation for the many donations given to provide the Platzers with a furnished welcoming place to live. They are so full of gratitude and appreciate all that has been done for them. We are currently not looking for anything else but will keep the congregation informed as to future needs.

### **Community Announcements**

#### **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.

#### **Deacon's Brunch, May 21<sup>st</sup>,**

The Deacons will be hosting our annual brunch for all of our Seniors on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, downstairs in the fellowship hall following the after-church service refreshments. All Seniors are invited to join us for a time of food and fellowship! Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. If transportation is an issue, please let Jeff Breuker (231) 578-6530 and we will make sure you have a ride.

#### **Update from Search Committee:**

We are excited to welcome Pastoral Candidate Adam Sculnick June 11th where he will be leading in worship. Along with his introduction we would love to provide a way for you to get to know him prior to his arrival. Click the link below to watch and listen. Please continue to be in prayer with us and plan on joining in church June 11th.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GLIzwUXeYK0?feature=share>

#### **Women's Getaway, July 29**

**Women's Getaway at the Shack, July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies, come and join in the fellowship, small group and contemplative study about Finding Joy in the Chaos: Exploring Gratitude! For those of you who attended last year's Women's Morning Getaway, we've listened to your feedback remarks and are planning a morning of fun interactions, additional small group time together, as well as giving you time to be with the Lord "one-on-one" in His creation on the Shack grounds! Come, celebrate and strengthen your faith "In JOY" with other women from the community! We'll have more information for

you in the coming weeks regarding registration, invitation for a guest, child care and transportation options to the Shack.

Set aside **July 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – noon** for worshipping God for the JOY He brings in your life and come share that JOY with others!

Your Second CRC Planning Committee

### **ARO May Newsletter**

Click [here](#) for the latest information on Appalachia Reach Out

### **Synod 2023**

All members of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are invited to share in 40 days of prayer in preparation for Synod 2023, beginning on April 30 and concluding on June 8. Each day, readers will receive a Bible text, a prayer, and some suggested questions for reflection or conversation. All of the prayers are intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023: Longing to be Like Christ, which is based on Philippians 2:1-11, summarized by verse 5: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." To receive the free 40 days of prayer as a weekly PDF download or as daily emails, visit [www.crcna.org/pray](http://www.crcna.org/pray).

### **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 May are:*

*May 14 – Karin Medical Clinic*

*May 21 – Fremont Christian School*

### **Stock the Pantry**

For May, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice fruit. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

### **Prayer Corner**

This devotional from the book *Then Sings My Soul: Devotions Inspired by Ten Beloved Hymns* caught my attention and I'd like to share it with you.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship.

Roman's 12:1 ESV

In the Old Testament, when a priest made a sacrifice of a blemish-free animal, it meant that animals' death. So for Paul to encourage the church in Rome to offer their lives as a living sacrifice to God, the term may have seemed like an oxymoron. The truth is, because of what Jesus did on the cross, He has every right to require a sacrifice from us. But if we gave up everything—even our very lives—it wouldn't fulfill the debt we owe Him.

Instead, we can live as living sacrifices by dedicating out lives—our years here on earth—to give glory to Him. That could mean something life-changing like going into full-time mission work, sharing the good news to the ends of the earth. But maybe today that means sharing with someone in need in the name of Jesus. Or it might mean taking an extra moment to chat with a coworker who is having a rough day and then praying with him/her. Considering what Jesus has done, offering yourself as a living sacrifice is only right and natural. Today, live like Christ, for Christ, by faith in Christ, and you'll find an abundant life in Him.

Good words to think and pray about!

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