

SECOND'S MATTERS

May 17, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Pastor Cody Statema will be leading us in worship. His message "Blind Faith" is based on Mark 10:46-52. The greeters are Dale and Sherry Lue.

Pre-Service Prayer

Everyone is invited to join with others in the to the old main floor nursery at 9:05 am this 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 21- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC

Our Church Family

Blind Faith

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 to our church family for the cards, prayers and expressions of kindness during our recent loss of our sister-in law **Debbie Mellema**.

The Mellema family

Community Announcements

Congregational Meeting TONIGHT at 7pm

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 21st,

The Deacons will be hosting our annual brunch for all of our Seniors on Sunday, May 21st, 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.

Highlights from the April 16, 19 and 30, 2023 Council Meetings

- Council nominees were finalized
- The resignation of Care Coordinators Jud and Evie Afman was accepted. Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper were approved as Care Coordinators for Group #1
- Outreach Team asked for permission to hand out postcards when the Food Truck is here
- We reviewed the procedure for sharing prayer requests
- Someone approached the council about the possibility of the Friend of the Court using a room at church for supervised visits. Further discussion will take place.
- A member from the congregation presented questions regarding church safety. This will be looked into.
- Ministry Team minutes were reviewed

Discipleship: information was shared about the women's getaway on July 29, 2023

Property: a motion was made and approved to replace the roof for \$49,550.00

- National Day of Prayer will be observed at our church on May 4, 2023.
- Further discussion about the Friend of the Court proposal
- Discussion regarding the budget and salary increases for employees

- Consideration of Adam Sculnick for our next pastor, questioning where he stands in regards to CRC doctrine, having him preach on June 11.

If you have any questions, please talk to a council member and remember you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Community Worship Service, May 28

On Sunday, May 28, our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. As this is Pentecost Sunday, worshipers are encouraged to wear red. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT5wDetjbhSToNY3vKUO3Pg/live>.

Faith Promise Update

Our Faith Promise giving campaign for 2022 – 2023 is coming to an end on June 30. As a reminder our goal was \$35,000 and at the end of April we had received \$23,000. If you pledged and have not yet given please consider getting those funds in within the next few weeks. If you didn't pledge we ask that you prayerfully consider giving in support of the Missions we work with.

Thank You. The Outreach Committee

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 29th: Ladies, you've received your Getaway invitation with a postcard, so be sure to register **and** to invite a friend to join us on the morning of July 29th!

Registration is now open online! Check out our website (secondcrcfremont.org → **Adult Ministries** → **Women's Ministry**) for information, to register and to view the pictures from our 2022 Women's Getaway at the Shack!

For all those without email or internet access, registration paper forms are available on the ledge in the Narthex. Please return the two-sided paper form to one of the Planning Committee members! All **"Early Bird" registrants (by June 17th)** will receive **ten** raffle tickets for giveaway gifts! Final deadline for registration is July 1st!

Set aside **July 29th 8:30am – noon** to join us for time to thank God and praise Him for the JOY He brings to your life! Come share His JOY with others!

Your Second CRC Planning Committee

Dinners for Eight

Just a friendly reminder- all the snowbirds have returned- is your group meeting?

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.

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 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

Sometimes we simply want to be loved. God is the same way. So He asks us to seek His face. "Seeking His face" means entering God's presence with no other agenda but to spend time with Him. In these moments we're not asking Him to carry our burdens. We're not asking for Him to come to our rescue. And we're not asking Him to do something for us.

God would have us-His sons and daughters-to seek His face and desire His presence in the same way a child craves that of his/her loving mother. All we need to do is pray, seek, and crave His face, and God's response will be swift and wondrous as He leans down from heaven, open His arms, and scoops us into His all-loving presence.

Lord, I come seeking Your face today-nothing more, nothing less.
I have no petitions, no complaints, no pleas. I merely crave Your presence,
Your strength, and Your peace.
I want to rest quietly here with You, feeling Your arms around me
and allowing Your love to fill me up. Here, with You, I am content to simply be.
There is nothing to do-there is merely You."

Then Sings My Soul: Devotions Inspired by Ten Beloved Hymns

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