

SECOND'S MATTERS

September 6, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, September 10

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding Joy in Anxiety" is based on Philippians 4:4-9. The greeters will be Randy and Ann Pell.

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, September 10 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC

Our Church Family

From Pastor Adam

"Hey family,

I am still flying high with the encouragement of seeing so many believers gathered in the park on Sunday for our community worship service. Thank you to those that came to worship the Lord with us and seven other churches from around Fremont. Just a reminder that as a result of that, there will not be a mid-week restream of the sermon Wednesday. I want to share with you something new that I'm really excited about. Second Church will be hosting a very unique bible study at Jams Sweet Retreat on Main Street once a month beginning September 21st. We will gather together for what I'm calling an Ask Me Anything study. It's part of our outreach strategy to connect with our community and help lost souls find life in Jesus. You can submit questions by clicking this link (<https://forms.gle/LYCffZWxngcxeyeQA>) as can anyone who sees the flyer that we are posting at Jams. If you can think of anywhere around town that'll post the flyer, please grab one of the extra copies that are on display at the church. I will be answering those questions as well as questions from customers who approach the table that day at Jams. Study after study shows that most people who don't attend church have one or two things they wonder about that they just need answers to before they can step foot in the door. This is our way of taking down those barriers. You can come to the study and listen to the answers, submit your own questions, and please invite your Christian and non-Christian friends.

Also, just to keep you all in the loop, I will be out of the office all of next week to attend the Kids Matter conference in Tennessee. I will be speaking there a couple of times, helping Church leaders to reach the next generation for Christ. The office will be closed Monday but Valerie will be in the rest of the week as usual. I promised you last week that there were exciting things coming, and believe it or not, this was not the end of it. I bet you're still wondering about 9:38Fest, and the details for that are coming, but there's even more going on here at Second and I cannot wait to share it all with you. Have a blessed week and I'll see you in church Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Adam"

We want to thank our church family for the cards, meals, and especially the prayers as we were on this long journey. We also thank God for his hand in the healing process.

Chuck and Melanie DeKryger

Thank you for telling others about Jesus through Bible League. The Fremont Division of Bible League Volunteers appreciates the generous contributions raised from Love Letter fundraiser. Together our church was able to provide over \$500 for ministry. Continue to pray with us for the provision of God's Word to a lost and needy world.

Community Announcements

The church will be closed on Monday, September 11.

There will be no Prayer Guide the week of September 11 and no Prayer Corner in Seconds Matters on September 13.

Prayer Partners

Look for information about your student this week in your box!! A meet and greet will be held on Sunday, September 17!

Potluck, Sunday, September 10

It's almost fall and our Sunday School and other activities will kickoff on September 10th.

Please join us for a Fall Kickoff Potluck on Sunday the 10th at 11:30 to celebrate our Sunday School and other activities. To help us plan, please sign up for a main dish or a salad on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you, the Fellowship Committee

Harvest Table

If you have garden produce you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home.

Coffee Break, 2023

Coffee Break Bible Study will begin meeting Tuesday, September 19, from 9:30-11 am at the Second Christian Reformed Church, 600 Apache Drive. Coffee Break is for women of all ages. No Bible knowledge is necessary. We will be studying the book of Romans and study guides will be available at the first meeting. If you want to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," consider Coffee Break. Questions? Contact Doris Broekema (286-8490) or Karen Admiraal (335-2285).



Looking for Sunday morning coffee cookie bakers for October and November. Sign up on the coffee counter.

Kid's Hope

Second Church has the unique opportunity to be a blessing to a child in our local elementary schools. If you have one hour, once a week throughout the school year to share you could be that blessing! Our Kids Hope program is urgently in need of more adults to mentor students in 1st-5th grades for this school year. Please see Chelsea Breuker or Stephanie DeKuiper for further details.

ARO Shoe Boxes

It's not too early to think about filling shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, KY! The beginning of another school year is a perfect time to also pick up school supplies for your Christmas shoes boxes. We'll let you know later when the boxes will be available.

GriefShare

We would like to welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group, this non-denominational 14 week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is special and different, focusing on a DVD featuring grief experts and real-life stories. A \$10.00 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 5, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at First CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Registration online at www.griefshare.org or (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning, but not required.

Bible League Volunteers

Third annual Ole Fashion Hymn Sing coming Saturday, October 7th at The Shack. Sponsored by volunteers of Bible League - Newaygo County. Details coming. Questions? contact Jessie Rose @ 231-923-2231

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 Sept are:

Sept. 10 – Habitat for Humanity

Sept 17 – Resonate World Missions

Sept. 24 – Fremont Service Committee

Stock the Pantry

For September, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

This week's Prayer Corner is being taken from a devotional "Equipped" by Carol Kent and from her book "He Holds My Hand: Experiencing God's Presence and Protection" seem fitting as we as a church family are moving forward in a number of areas. These words are also so applicable to our personal lives too. When God calls us to serve in a particular way, He also equips us to fulfill that responsibility in His power.

Equipped

Always remember that I'm on your side. You belong to Me. I cover you with My protection. When you seek Me, I equip you with My armor. It's My delight to outfit you for spiritual battle. My will, My truth, My power, and My protection are available to you at any time of the day or night. At this very moment, I am waiting for you to ask Me for wisdom to face the impossible situation that looms ahead. I never designed you to go through life alone. I will equip you with all you need. There is no tool more valuable than My Word to supply you with everything that's needed for personal growth and spiritual survival."

May he equip you with all you need for doing his will.

May he produce in you,
through the power of Jesus Christ,
every good thing that is pleasing to him.
All glory to him forever and ever! Amen

Hebrews 13:21

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