

SECOND'S MATTERS

February 14, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Take It Seriously' based on 1 Corinthians 7:1-7. The noisy coin collection will be for Second CRC Kids Hope program. The greeters are Mike and Heather Love.

There is **NOT** Sunday School, Children's Choir or FYSH Sunday, February 18 due to Mid-Winter Break.

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, February 18, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

Hey family!

Short and sweet today. I want to encourage you that God is at work and that He is faithful in our highs and in our lows. So, no matter what kind of week you are having, so long as you have breath, praise the Lord. Give thanks to Him for that hard thing you are wrestling with, because that test is going to be a part of your testimony later. Give thanks to Him for the easy things because the blessings we receive are gifts of His grace for undeserving people. I pray that each of you would know His peace this week and when we meet next on Sunday, that you can get your cup filled back up once more. Until then,

The Lord Bless you and Keep you,
Pastor Adam

PS: just a quick reminder that this week's sermon will be something of a part 2 and so I wanted to just put it out there once more that the topic will be of an adult nature. Please use discernment with regard to having your children in service with you."

THANK YOU to my church family for the prayers, thoughts, and cards on my behalf.
And, to my friends in Mesa for the food! I'm doing well and am so thankful! I give God all the credit!

Evie Afman

Please continue to keep **John Van Hekken** in your prayers.

Marian Homan has a new phone number: (231) 428-1821

Community Announcements

Council Update

Pastor Adam has met all his educational requirements and continues to work with the Candidacy Committee of CRCNA to fulfill their requirements. Upon fulfilling the Candidacy Committees' requirements our Classis will schedule his examination for ordination as Minister of the Word in the Christian Reformed Church. Prayers for his continued progress.

From the Outreach Committee

Please sign an encouragement card for the staff of S.O.S. Ministries in Matamoros, Mexico. It'll be at the Welcome Center for a couple of weeks. Let's fill that card with signatures to let them know we love them and are praying for them.

From the Fellowship Committee

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Chili cook off on March 17th at 11:30 AM. Bring your favorite chili to share. More information coming soon!

Fellowship Committee will be serving a light lunch for Classis on February 22. We need three dozen cookies for that day. If you can help, please sign up at the coffee counter. Thank you.

We all like to taste the delicious cookies that our bakers make for Sunday morning coffee. Don't forget to sign up to bring cookies at the Coffee counter.

Insight Pregnancy Services Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Insight has started its baby bottle fundraiser drive for 2024. If you wish to participate, grab an empty bottle from the display in the lobby and fill it with change, paper money, and/or a check. Return the baby bottle to church by February 29. Last year the bottles raised over \$20,000, and Insight hopes to reach that goal again.

From Council

As council prepares for the church year 2024-25, we welcome suggestions of names, people for the office of elders/deacon from the congregation. Please prayerfully consider and/or suggest individuals who you feel exhibit God's presence in leading our church. A box is available on the lobby on the literature ledge for the suggested names.

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: February 18 – Kid's Hope

February 25 – Ferris State Campus Ministries

Stock the Pantry

For February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, tuna, canned meat. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Seeking God is an acknowledgement of who He is and His claim upon your life as Savior and Lord. The verbs in Psalm 63: 1-8 describe beautifully the **actions** of the one who seeks God sincerely. As you read these words ask yourself if they describe your love for your God or has the Holy Spirit shown you areas where growth is needed? He will help you, if you ask Him.

Psalm 63: 1-8

O God, you **are** my God,
earnestly will I **seek** you;
my soul **thirsts** for you,
my body **longs** for you,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

I **have seen** you in the sanctuary
and **beheld** your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,

my lips **will glorify** you.
I **will praise** you as long as I live,
and in your name I **will lift** up my hands.
My soul **will be satisfied** with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth **will praise** you.

On my bed I **remember** you;
I **think** of you through the watches of the night,
because you are my help,
I **sing** in the shadow of your wings.
My soul **clings** to you;
your right hand **upholds** me.

Seeking God is active, envelopes every part of your being and brings the greatest joy and contentment imaginable. It also includes seeking Him in every area of your life.

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