# **SECOND'S MATTERS**

February 21, 2024



# Sunday, February 25, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Get Out of Your Head' based on 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. The greeters are Nick and Liz Donkersloot.

# **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 25, 2024 - Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

# **Our Church Family**

# Hey family!

I thank God for you in my prayers daily as we continue to do life together and I look forward excitedly to every time we gather on Sundays. As I sit and write this, so much is going on in the world and I know and trust that God is at work in all of it and want to just encourage you that no matter what you are going through in this moment, God is faithful, He is just, He is mighty and He is with you.

By way of announcements, I am excited to announce that our church is hosting the next meeting of Classis Muskegon. Every 6 months or so the region of churches here in the Muskegon area in the Christian Reformed Church gather to discuss matters of church policy, government, mission, education and more and that body of church leaders, called a Classis, will be here tomorrow from 9 until sometime early afternoon. Members of our fellowship team are graciously tackling the task of providing refreshments and a lunch for all of the leaders and myself and members of our church council will be in attendance as well. Please be in prayer for the work that is to be done there and give thanks with me that we can host this important meeting.

I'm also excited to share that Gladys and Dan Pell are returning home this week from their mission trip with DRS down in Florida, rebuilding homes that were destroyed and ministering to those affected by the weather tragedies of recent years. I know I can't wait to hear all about how God was at work through the efforts of their team. We will hear a short presentation from them about it during this Sunday's service.

As the week draws to a close and we near another Sunday gathering, may God's grace abound in your lives.

# Hidden In Christ, Pastor Adam

Please pray for Kim Hayward, Gary Breuker, and John Van Hekken as they deal with difficult medical issues.

#### **Community Announcements**

# Chili Cook-off, March 17

Got a great chili that you would like to share? The Fellowship Committee is having a Chili Cook off on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. We are looking for you to share a crock pot of your favorite chili. There will be prizes for the chili that is voted the best and we will have different categories so be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center. Everyone is welcome but we need you to sign up even if you are not bringing a chili to share.

#### From the Outreach Committee

Have you signed the encouragement card for S.O.S. Ministries in Matamorous, Mexico? You'll find the card at guest services in the lobby. Thanks!

Empty baby bottles from Insight Pregnancy Services are in the lobby for you to fill with change, checks or paper money. Grab yours today and "fill 'er up"! Your help is much appreciated.

# **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 the Fellowship Committee

**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.

# 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 25 – Ferris State Campus Ministries

March 3 – World renew Disaster Relief

March 10 – Love, INC

March 17 – resonate World Missions

March 24 – Hand2Hand

#### **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**

We are in the season of Lent, the forty day period which began on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and concludes on Monday, March 25, which is the beginning of Holy Week.

From the time our children are quite young we teach them to say "thank you" when they receive a gift. We write "thank you notes", send texts or emails of thanks or verbally express our thanks as well. But, how often do we stop and thank God for providing for our eternal salvation through the (gift) death and resurrection of His Son?

My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you **will spend time with the Lord** in quiet meditation and prayer and **seek Him** for restoration, forgiveness, healing or whatever He lays upon your heart that needs attention. As you do this **ask Him to fill you** with joy and gratitude for His gift of salvation.

# Take My Life and Let it Be

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) Henri Abraham Cesar Malan (1787-1864)

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold;

Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose, Every power as Thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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