SECOND'S MATTERS February 28, 2024



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ... Your Table is Ready' based on 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, 31. The greeters are Jason and Heidie Snyder.

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, March 10, 2024 - Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

"Hey Second Family,

I'd like to start off this week by just saying thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love and grace and faithfulness that you show as a church week in and week out in so many ways. I sense that God is moving in Fremont and I truly believe that we at Second Church are a big part of what's happening. The Kingdom of God is ever present and we are living in that truth, so thank you. It is a blessing and an honor to serve as your pastor.

Having said that, I need to address something that happened last week. As I mentioned on Sunday, someone is posing as me and texting people in our community asking for money or gift cards. If you received one of those texts, please do not engage with this person. Do not send them money or support of any kind. It is not me or my phone number and we don't know how exactly they are choosing whom to contact as it has now happened to people in our church family but also from at least one person in our community here in Fremont with no connection to Second Church. My suggestion is that you block the number in your phone and report it as spam if you're given the option. And let's join together as a church and pray that this person or persons do not cause harm to anyone and that they would come to know Christ and turn from their deceptions to a life that honors God.

Second, just a brief reminder that this weekend is **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**. We spring forward this time so between Saturday night and Sunday morning we lose an hour. Which means if you want to make it to church on time, you'll want to adjust your clocks before bed Saturday. If you use your phone as an alarm, you should be fine as most if not all smartphones automatically correct themselves.

And lastly, a reminder that holy week is coming. If you are going to be in Fremont, and even if you aren't, keep in mind that Good Friday and Easter are two of the best times to invite people to church. So be bold these next few weeks. There are invite flyers on the welcome center that you can use to begin conversations and I pray that you'll join me in saying together in one voice that Jesus Christ is the way and that the revival begins with us.

Hidden In Christ, Pastor Adam"

Please pray for **Kim Hayward**, who had surgery this morning at Butterworth.

Continued prayers for John Van Hekken, as his health declines.

Community Announcements

KidsOwn

There will **NOT** be KidsOwn on Sunday, March 10.

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS (and buyers)!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for people to provide cookies or other baked goods for Sunday morning coffee time following the service. Please add your name and email to the signup sheet at the if you are able to help.

Chili Cook-off, March 17 SIGN UP! SIGN UP! SIGN UP!

Please sign up if you are coming to the Chili Cook Off. We need a count of about how many tables and chairs to set up and if you are bringing a crock pot of chili to share. There will also be soups available for those who don't want chili. The signup sheet is on the Welcome Center. Thanks, The Fellowship Committee

Books to Strengthen Your Own Faith Journey

Whether you are a new believer or one who has grown up in the faith each of us is on a faith journey...our own faith journey. But, you are not alone on this journey.

Do you have questions about God or your faith and desire to know more? Are you a new believer and are just getting started on your Christian walk? Did you know that there are books by respected Christian authors that you can read at home on your own schedule? if these questions describe you, read on! We have a new selection of books in the church library just for you. You'll find them on the table under the clock. If you would like some direction about which book would be best for you, reach out to Pastor Adam, to Bette, the church's librarian or a member of council for help. Take a look! There's something for you!

Card for S.O.S. Ministries, Matamoros, Mexico

The card has been sent to S.O.S. Ministries. Thank you to each who signed the card and thanks to Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper for providing the mailing address.

GREIFSHARE

We welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group. The is nondenominational 13 week course offers support to those who are grieving. Each class is special and different. 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 March 5, 2024, from 6:30 to 8pm at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Registration online at <u>www.griefshare.org</u> or call (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning but not required.

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: <u>Online Giving.</u> If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings for: March 10 – Love, INC

March 17 – Resonate World Missions March 24 – Hand2Hand

Stock the Pantry

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

Prayer Corner

Last Sunday Pastor Adam talked about servants and slaves in the Apostle Paul's day and reminded us that the primary consideration of slaves was to attend to the needs and wishes of his master. The slave was in bondage to the master and his life and safety depended on how well he pleased the master. Being a slave meant you were not your own. You were in bondage to your master.

The bondage of sin controls, enslaves and strangles us. If it were not for Christ's death and resurrection we would be in total bondage to sin. But thanks be to God Christ freed us from the bondage to sin by sacrificing His life for his.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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