SECOND'S MATTERS April 24, 2024



Sunday, April 28, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ... This Is the Way' based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. The greeters are Ken and Jane Wolffis.

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, April 28, 2024 - Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Helloooooooo church family!!

I am very excited to share with you today because there is some really exciting stuff happening at your church and I get to be the guy to share them. I feel so blessed to be a part of this family and even more so that the Lord has trusted me as the shepherd over this flock. I do not take it lightly and my heart is full with love for each and every one of you. That said, let's get into it.

Gentlemen, this first announcement is for you. ladies, make the gents in your life pay attention. Our men's group DudeStuff meets tonight at 6pm as we do every week, but this week the plan is to share testimony. What a powerful way to connect with the men of the church, sharing the ways that God has redeemed each of us. You don't have to share but you should definitely come and be a part of it.

Second, this Sunday is packed with excitement. Immediately following the service there will be an update from our church council regarding the process of ordination that we and the denomination are walking through for officially ordaining your new pastor (that's me, lol). It won't take long but we as a council felt it was important to make sure everyone was updated on what's happening. After that there will be a time of fellowship as usual.

Next, still on the topic of this Sunday, at 11:30am after fellowship we will regather in the sanctuary for what I hope will become a tradition here at Second Church. At the conclusion of each sermon series, I will be sitting down to answer the questions you all have from the entire series. so ask anything you want from 1 Corinthians. Submit your questions ahead of time by emailing me at adam@secondcrcfremont.org or ask in person.

Looking beyond this Sunday, we will be jumping into an all new sermon series beginning in May. I plan to spend 11 weeks studying Exodus 20:1-17, better known as the 10 commandments. The summer is full of other exciting things so there will be breaks within the series for things like our community worship services, but the 11 message series will give you both history and contemporary significance to each of the commandments. We can get complacent about things like the 10 commandments and easily forget the importance they serve in our faith and so my prayer for the church during this next series is that we look with fresh eyes at this very old, very important list.

As always, there is a list of songs that have added energy to the study and I am so pleased to share the playlist with you. Gladys and I have been working to select a few of them for us as a church family to worship together with and we will begin singing those on Sundays very soon. to check out the list, <u>click here</u>. The series, titled *Mirror Mirror*, will begin May 5th.

Until next we meet, I pray that you are blessed by the Lord in big ways and small and that you see His favor in your lives. See you Sunday.

In Service to the King, -pastor Adam

Our Church Family

Pray for **Ken and Jane Wolffis** and their family in these days following the death of Ken's mother, Mary Jane (Baumann) Wolffis on Friday, April 19.

Please keep **Kim Hayward**, **Nanci Nieboer**, **Josie Visser**, and **Doug DeKuiper** in your prayers as they continue to recover from their recent surgeries.

Community Announcements

End-Of-School Year Potluck, May 5

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join in celebrating the year end of learning and having fun with our Sunday School and other activities. As the activities come to an end we have planned a Potluck on Sunday May 5 at 11:30 to enjoy a meal and fellowship together one more time this year. Please sign up on the Welcome Center to help us plan. For Second's Matters:

Connection Point—a Women's Gathering!

Who: Women of all ages and stages. If you have littles at home, feel free to bring them along! What: An opportunity to get to know women from the church in a casual setting.

When: We will be there on the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning on May 1, from 8:45-9:45am (or as long as you wish to stay).

Where: **The Koffee Kuppe***—downtown Fremont. Note: the back door is temporarily closed, due to patio construction.

Questions: text/call/email—gladys@secondcrcfremont.org or 231.924.0990

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...encouraging one another...." Hebrews 10:24-25

*Plan to purchase your own beverage/food.

Summer Cookies Sign-up

Our summer cookie signup for Sunday mornings is now available online. If you are able to bake (or buy!) 6 or 12 dozen treats for Sunday mornings we are asking you to click on the link and signup for a date. Thanks for making our Sunday mornings extra sweet! sweet! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-49138606-summer



Wellspring Adult Day Services

Volunteer Opportunity! Wellspring Adult Day Services is looking for volunteers who are passionate about working with seniors. Our volunteers' responsibilities include building relationships with guests and assisting in the daily program. If you feel this would be something you would enjoy, please call Allie Maat at 231.519.5450 or email at wellspringads@gmail.com for more information.

From Grace Adventures

Grace Adventures is hiring for all four campuses as we seek to impact people with Jesus Christ. We have some year-round roles as well as season positions which can be found here: https://graceadventures.org/employment/.

In the Fremont area, we need staff to help serve our guests at The Shack, a Christian Conference and Retreat Center, for specific roles and to apply please go to the website: https://shackcountryinn.com/employment/

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: April 28 – Karin Medical Clinic

May 5 - CIA

May 12 - Fremont Christian School

May 19 – Bible League

Stock the Pantry

For April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

I Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

I John 4: 7, 8, 11

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

I John 4: 16

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Dear friends.

May your life overflow with God's love so that everyone around you will experience His love in action through you.

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