

SECOND'S MATTERS

May 15, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "The Second Commandment: No Idols" based on Exodus 20:4-6. The children will be taking the noisy coin offering. The greeters are Wayne and Karen Vogel.

Pre-Service Prayer

Everyone is invited to join with others in the Fireside Room/Library at 9:05am 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, May 19, 2024 Evening Service: Holy Spirit Fire – Healing Service @ Second CRC, 7pm

"Hey Second Church family!

As we approach the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit of God was poured out into the hearts and minds of the body of Christ the Church, I can't help but rejoice that our local body of believers here at Second is growing. We have new believers, life long servants, and even those who are searching for answers and exploring who this Jesus guy is, all worshipping together on Sundays and joining together during the week for various events.

As we grow, there are natural opportunities presented for things like Profession of Faith classes, new baptisms, as well as another Starting Point (new members) class. The next Starting Point class for those who are interested in joining as members, or who are already members and wish to get a refresher on the culture and history of our church and the Church can join us for part one on June 9th at 11:15am. If you are interested, there will be a sign up sheet Sunday at the welcome desk or you can email me at adam@secondcrcfremont.org.

You may have noticed that there are additional voices being heard during our Sunday service. Our opening scripture reading has been such a blessing to me and to many others as we hear each other read from the Word of God. If you are interested in being a reader, please let myself or Gladys Pell, our music director, know and we will get you on our list.

And lastly, I am very excited about this coming Sunday's healing service. The Spirit of God through prayer led me to present this as an idea to our worship committee and then to council and I am excited to see what the Lord is going to do with whomever comes to worship with us that night. If you are available, the service will begin at 7pm this Sunday, May 19th and go about an hour or so.

I will continue to lift you all up in prayer but don't hesitate to connect with me if you have anything specific to pray about or to talk about and until I see you next, may the Lord bless you and keep you close to Him by the mercy of His Son and the power of His Spirit.

*In Service to the King,
-Adam"*

Our Church Family

Please keep **Kim Hayward** and **Nanci Nieboer** in your prayers as they undergo treatment for cancer and **Doug DeKuiper** as he continues to recover from surgery.

Please continue to pray for **Pat DeKuiper**, **Dennis and Brenda DeKuiper and family** as they mourn the loss of Samuel DeKuiper.

Community Announcements

Wednesday, May 22

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm. The following members are nominated for elder and will be approved: Gaylen Byker, Nick Donkersloot, and Gail Wagenmaker. Two will serve a 3-year term and one will serve a 2-year term. The following members are nominated for deacon: Mike Love, Jon Mellema, and Todd Visser. Two will be drawn by lot for 3-year terms.

Sunday May 26 (Memorial Day weekend), our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments activities. An offering will be received for Camp Sunshine, a ministry that provides camp experience for youth and young adults with special needs. The camp will be at Camp Henry this year in early June. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@firstfremontcrc1886>

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.

From the Council

As the Council of Second Church, we have the opportunity to offer some powerful training for all who worship with us. Pastor Adam attended a pastor's retreat lead by Amplio, a group that helps churches move their mission forward. We are excited to invite each of you to an evening led by Amplio's Lead Facilitator where we will experience discipleship and evangelism training that will make you think deeply about your walk with Christ and the way you represent Him to the world. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. We will spend 2 1/2 hours together on Thursday, May 30 beginning at 6:30. Please RSVP to Mariel Poel at [231-349-9152](tel:231-349-9152) or mbpoel@gmail.com.

OASIS

Our last Oasis for the school year will be tonight from 6:30-8p and we will be celebrating with a little scavenger hunt and FROYO! Please drop off AND pick up your student at the Memorial Park in town. We will only be having frozen yogurt (no pizza). We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

Fremont Christian School Annual General Meeting

Come and celebrate an amazing year at FCS by hearing updates from the board and Mr. Donkersloot. As well as an opportunity to look towards what the future holds for FCS.

The meeting will be held in the FCS gym on Monday, May 20th at 6:00pm

Summer Cookies Sign-up

Our summer cookie sign-up 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 sign-up 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.

Wellspring is hosting a presentation given by the Alzheimer's Association on Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia on June 4 from 3-4:30 at Wellspring Adult Day Services/Reeman CRC. This is an opportunity for all community members to come and learn about this disease.

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: May 19 – Bible League

Stock the Pantry

For May, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce and pasta/rice. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

It is God's desire for us to grow deeper in our relationship with Him and with one another. His plan is that the love of Christ will be shed abroad in our hearts...that people will see Christ through us. This not something we can even attempt to do on our own, but oftentimes, that is exactly what we try to do! God has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit to be our counselor and comforter and to guide us into all truth. You'll want to read Acts 2 that describes the coming of the Holy Spirit at the day of Pentecost including Peter's address to the crowd where he said;

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2: 38-39

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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. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friend, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. John 4: 7-12

Ask the Holy Spirit to indwell you so that you will be able to love others as God would have you to do.

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