

## SECOND'S MATTERS

August 21, 2024



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **Sunday August 25**

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is “Living Dead” based on Ephesians 2:1-5. Greeters are Brad and Vicki Gilliland.

**The Sunday morning pre-service prayer** gathering will not be held during the summer months.

**Sunday, August 25, 2024** – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Hey church family!

I am sitting in my office right now, writing out this email that will be added to the Seconds Matters newsletter and sent out to you, and reflecting on all that God has done and continues to do in our church and in the lives of my family here in Fremont. It was just over a year ago that we moved here, I began serving as your pastor at the beginning of August, and while we have seen incredible moves of God (many new faces, many returning faces, exciting hiring of staff and additions of programs and new ministry initiatives, healing and praising, and so much more), we have also seen some moves of the enemy. It is not lost on me and it shouldn't be on you either that the ruler of the kingdom of the air is actively against us as we seek to build the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. And we have certainly seen what the enemy can do to build roadblocks, cause disturbances and distractions and create strife; he does those things because he knows he cant stop what God is doing. So since he cant stop it, he will push hard to at least slow it down. Take heart church, God has overcome and He will continue to do mighty things here with us. Lean on Him, pray to Him, seek after Him and, as He promises us, all the things we need will be given to us as well. See you Sunday!

In Service to the King,  
-Adam

### **Our Church Family**

**Pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law**, who has stage 4 cancer. Pray for strength as he navigates the next steps going forward.

Please continue to pray for healing and strength for those recovering from injuries, surgeries, and treatments.

Prayer for all the teachers and kids as they begin another school year.

### **Community Announcements**

#### **Sunday, September 1, Community Service**

Second CRC is responsible for Greeters at the Labor Day Community Service on Sept 1st. We will need 6-8 people to greet, hand out communion/bulletins and collect the offering. If you are able to help a sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

***Faith Promise Update*** – *Friendly reminder that if you haven't had a chance to return your Faith Promise pledge card to please do so. You can put your pledge in the offering boxes outside any of the doors in the narthex. As of last Sunday, we've received \$19,670 in pledges with a goal of \$35,000. Please prayerfully consider a pledge you can make to Faith Promise. Thank you to those that have had a chance to return your pledges.*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Thank you for helping us achieve our financial goal for the past school year! Please check your church mailbox for a letter and a pledge card for the 2024/2025 school year. Please place your pledge card in the box in the church foyer by August 31st. This year we anticipate 11 children utilizing this fund at a cost of approximately \$72,000.00. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686.

### To All Members and Regular Attendees

The church office will be producing an **Updated Church Directory** in the coming weeks. If you have changed address, phone number, email, etc., or would like to be added, please get the appropriate information to Valerie by emailing [office@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:office@secondcrcfremont.org) or calling the church office (231) 924-0170 by **August 30, 2023**.

## Bible Study

Join us beginning Monday, September 16 at 10:30 am for a study of Revelations. How does this book apply to our lives today? How should our day to day life be affected by this book? We will meet twice monthly beginning the 16th at 10:30. There is no book needed.

## Calling All Women!

Join us for a Priscilla Shirer Bible study *Elijah; Faith and Fire*. This involves a weekly video and a study book. Check out the sample book at the sign-up table. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 18 and continue for 7 weeks. Please join in!!

## Kids Hope

Are you wondering how you can make an impact and make Christ known in our community? Do you have one hour, once a week to spare? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Our Kids Hope program needs mentors for the 2024-2025 school year. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Stephanie DeKuiper (231) 414-5141 or Chelsea Breuker (231) 414-1122 for more information.

## Coffee Break

Ladies: Coffee Break Bible Study will resume meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> here at Second CRC! Open to women in all stages of their Faith Walk, Coffee Break will be studying Genesis (covering chapters 12-25) on Tuesdays from 9:45-11am this Fall. Study guides will be available at our first meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, with the first lesson discussion starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note: No child care is available at this time. Additional questions? Contact Doris Broekema (231-286-8490) or Torri Wilkinson (231-355-0757).

## GRIEFSHARE

Grieving? Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend a GriefShare Group. This 14-week course offers help and support to those who feel lost. A \$10.00 fee is for a personal workbook, used to help and guide your healing. You are encouraged to attend all sessions. However, there is an open-door policy, so new people can join at any time. We begin on Tuesday, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at First Fremont CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Register online at [griefsher.org](http://griefsher.org) or call 231-924-2460. Registration is helpful but not required.

## COOKIES

Bakers or buyers are needed to help supply 10 dozen treats each Sunday morning this fall for our post-service fellowship time. Please sign up for a date or two if you are able to help by clicking on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-50295653-fall> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141.



## Stock the Pantry

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

## 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: August 25 – Kid's Hope  
September 8 – Love, Inc  
September 15 – Resonate Global Missions  
September 22 – Fremont Service Committee  
September 29 – Fremont Christian School*

## Prayer Corner

As you live life today take time to meditate on the words of the old hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, "Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee." God is for you, dear friend, and is the only one with the power to answer your prayers, even to moving mountains, if that is His plan. Trust Him completely today and go forth in His strength and power.

What then shall we say to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
Romans 8:31

Go in the power of the Lord today!

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