

SECOND'S MATTERS

September 11, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, September 15,

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "Goodbye Division" based on Ephesians 2:11-18. The children will be taking a noisy coin offering for 938 Fest. Greeters are Jim and Darlene Beadle.

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Dear Second Church Family,

I heard a sermon this morning that focused on the phrases "Have Your way, Lord" and "We need only to be still." These powerful reminders resonated deeply with me, as they speak to the heart of trusting God fully in every situation. As a church, we are in a season where there is much to anticipate, plan, and celebrate, and also a season of hardship, struggle and adversity, but through it all we are called to surrender our plans to Him and trust in His perfect will. At best, all we can prepare is a plan B. His plan is the first and the best and the only way to move ahead.

Let us continue to say, "Have Your way, Lord," as we move forward, resting in the assurance that we need only to be still and allow Him to work in and through us. With open hearts and willing spirits, I know He will lead us into greater things. And to Him be all the glory, my friends, in the Church, in our church, and in this community.

*In Service to the King,
Adam*

Our Church Family

Please pray for Dave Kidder who will be having major back surgery tomorrow.

Please continue to pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law, who has cancer. Pray for strength and healing as goes through his treatments.

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

Community Announcements

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.

There are **two Bible study options** available for you this fall. A study of **Revelation** will happen on alternate Mondays beginning Monday, September 16 at 10:30 am. This is open to both men and women. On Wednesday, September 18 a women's study of **Elijah** begins at 6:30 pm, this will meet weekly for 7 weeks. Sign up sheets for each are in the narthex.

Ladies, this one's for YOU!

We will be digging into the life of Elijah through the study: Faith and Fire ~ Elijah! This 7-week study starts next week Wednesday, September 18, from 6:30-8pm in the Fireside Room. The evening will consist of a small group discussion, followed by a video introduction (Priscilla Shirer) to the next week's study, and a time of prayer. Workbooks need to be ordered, so sign up today! Any questions, ask Gladys Pell (231.924.0990 or gladys@secondcrcfremont.org), who will be facilitating the group study. Please join us on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine, and how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

OASIS Kick Off

We'll be having our first Oasis event for the Middle Schoolers TONIGHT Wednesday, 9/11! Please have your middle schooler meet at FCS gym for pizza & games from 6:30-8p. Your students will be coming home with permission slips, please fill these out to have them bring them to the next Oasis meeting. We have a trip coming up and they will not be allowed to attend without the permission slip.

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.

Wellspring Dementia Caregiving Workshop

Wellspring ADS is partnering with Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan in hosting a Dementia Caregiving Workshop at Fremont District Library on Thursday September 19, from 11:00am to 2:30pm (lunch is included). This workshop is for anyone caring for/working with individuals diagnosed with dementia. Topics discussed include progression of the disease, behaviors commonly associated with each stage, communication strategies, self-care, and more. The cost is FREE, but registration is required and is open to anyone over the age of 60 or caring for someone over the age of 60. Please call 616.456.5664 to register.

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 September the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. 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: September 15 – Resonate Global Missions
September 22 – Fremont Service Committee
September 29 – Fremont Christian School*

Prayer Corner

I enjoy watching HGTV (the home and garden channel). On Saturday afternoon I turned it on and an episode of House Hunters was showing. A young couple in Connecticut was being shown three beautiful homes, all very different but each one very appealing. A tough choice indeed, but one that needed to be made. They agreed on a house and already might have been anticipating years of enjoyment there with family and friends. Life was exciting and the future was bright!

But then the husband made a comment that was the capstone of the program for me! "I am an emergency room physician and I see all sorts of situations on a daily basis. We need to live each day as though it was our last." Wow! He was saying "listen up people!" Make each day count for you have no guarantee you'll be here tomorrow.

How about you, dear friend? Is your focus on living each day for Jesus and making each day count for Him? Are you ready to meet Him if this were your last day on earth? May the prayer of your heart be one of eagerness to live for Him and a readiness to meet Him if this was your last day on earth.

Only One Life

By C.T. Studd

*Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.
For me to live is Christ!*

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