

Prayer & Praise

Praise Jesus for taking our place on the cross and giving us eternal life, a free gift. Pray for people to open up their hearts and ask Him in.

A cousin of Wayne & Mary Veenstra and Marilyn Kartes, who has not been feeling well and just found out she has cancer throughout her body and a blood clot. They had just bought a house in Fremont and were remodeling it to move into. Pray for God's healing and for her family.

Pray and thank God for Pastor Joel and the Executive of Consistory Team and all others involved; for all they have done to try and bring God's word to us in these trying times.

Unspoken request for a community member struggling with employment issues; pray for God to show them the next opportunity. Pray that God will guide and protect their family from hardship.

Pray for families that have been affected with the Covid 19 virus. That our almighty Father with envelope each and every one of them in his healing arms and protect them.

Pray this virus will come to an end soon and that we all may stop and think about what has happened and give God our thanks for protecting us.

Ongoing Health Concerns. Please pray for those who daily battle illness and pains. The emotional side of being under the weather long-term has serious affects. Pray for those who are caregivers. May God bring comfort and peace.

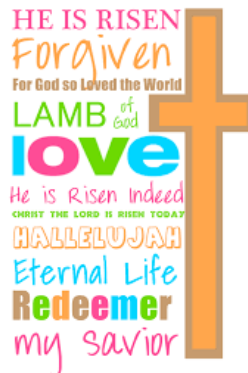
Beatrice Hartger, David Iseminger, Veteran with PTSD, Wyatt Stroven, Mary Johnson, John Campbell, Cathy Nurmi, Jennifer Beeler, Judy Kapolka

Military service men and women as they courageously protect our Nation. May God envelope them in protection, guidance and strength as they live daily for others. Pray for their families give them comfort hope and peace as they are apart.

FRC Military *Dave Messer, Christopher McPherson, Brandon & Desirae Moore, Anthony Woodruff, Sam Dickinson, Daniel Heavener, Sarah TenBrink*

(If you should have a family member or friend in the military and would like continued prayer for them contact the church office.)

Pray for our President and Vice President as they lead our country in this crisis. May God surround them and protect them from harms way. May He give them the strength, knowledge and backbone to stand up and lead in a Godly way.



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Welcome to Worship

Easter Sunday



We've been learning from the Psalmists' moods of faith in this series "O God." Psalm 46 was a firm confidence in a good sovereign God in the midst of nature's greatest upheavals. We are counseled, "Be still and know that I am God." In Psalm 71, we met an old guy in trouble again, but holding hope tightly. Last Sunday with the weeks of April 5 and 12 projected as the peak death weeks from Covid 19, we consulted the most popular Psalm being preached from USA pulpits, number 91. We dreamt of being 3 years old again and resting easily in the good arms of our heavenly daddy even though there's chaos all around. Today's Psalm 16 is a Psalm fit for Easter. God does not abandon bodies to the grave. We are eternal beings! "Up from the grave He arose," and so shall we!

New Series: Oh God

Message: Glad

Scripture: Psalm 16: 9-11

Hallelujah!

*First Reformed Church
Fremont, MI
April 12, 2020*

Life at FRC

Today at FRC...

10:00 A.M. Worship Service/Easter Sunday
7:00 P.M. No Rise Youth Group

This Week at FRC...

Sun. - Sat. - FRC church building will be closed/May call office from 8:00am - Noon, Tuesday - Friday.
Mon. - Fri. - 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Commission on Aging Lunch Closed
Tues. - 11:00 P.M. No Holy Grounds
Wed. - 4:30 - 6:15 P.M. No Club 57 meeting (5th - 7th grade)
6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. No GEMS & Cadets (1st - 8th grade)
6:45 P.M. No Praise Team Practice

Looking Ahead at FRC...

April 19 - Special Offering for Capital Improvements

Birthdays...

April 16 - Kylie Christoffersen
April 17 - Kip Christoffersen
April 18 - Mitchell Pals

Anniversary...

April 14 - Dave & Sharon Deur

Graduates (or parents) If you are graduating this year (high school or college), please email (info@frcfremont.org) a baby picture and a graduation picture into the church office and we will recognize you in the bulletin which will also go on our website page in the bulletin.

Packing Party Hand2Hand, May 12 - Save the date. FRC will be packing lunches again for this ministry. Please arrive at 6:30pm at Inspire Wesleyan Church on Garden Ave. to participate.

Hand2Hand pantry will be open on Mondays 9am-11am and Wednesdays 11am-1pm and 6-8pm for participants to come and pick up food. The pantry is located at the Inspire Wesleyan Church. When school resumes deliveries will be made to the schools as before.



Church & Community News

Paradise Bound Ministry - We are still waiting on an update from Paradise Bound Ministry as to their decision on summer trips. If you should have any questions, you may contact Mary Johnson.

Pastor Joel's is still preaching Sundays even though we are not gathered together. His sermons are posted on our **website:** www.frcfremont.org each week. Just scroll down and click on Messages. Or, you can go to **Youtube:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTzv9rAB2TBc7N6b-5Y8RCA/ All sermons are posted for your convenience and are viewed by many. If you do not have internet, maybe another family member or friend does and they can listen with you. Please view so we can all stay connected. May God Bless and keep you healthy!

FRC Spring Cleanup May 30th. Save the date on your calendar now to serve. Bring your wheelbarrows and garden supplies. More details about this day will come closer to the date.

VBS - Has been decided by the committee to cancel VBS this year with all that is going on. We look forward to seeing everyone next year for a great and wonderful time in Christ.

FRC family, it's been our goal to keep you, teens, and the children feeling connected to FRC during this time of social distancing. I particularly thank the children and teen leaders for your work in producing videos. Make sure to check out all the available teaching on our church facebook page. If you have family or friends without internet connection, could you help them to view services and devotions? Stay safe. Do help others and yourselves stay connected. With God's help, we've got this! Pastor Joel

We know the verse; "For God so loved..." We know that God sent Jesus out of love, a love that we are called to emulate, but a love we can never replicate. But...what if we tried? What if we sought the love God, full of grace and truth, and poured it into our relationships, rather than selfishness, a life lived that swirls around what we want? What if we loved first, and let Jesus take care of the judging & convicting? What if we loved others like that...and loved Him enough to open our hearts to His unnatural yet supernatural love? It's what Jesus calls us to ...be filled with His love, and change the world one life at a time, starting with yours!

*By the Grace of God
You are forgiven
now go and sin no more*

This & That

Ever wonder why Easter is on a different Sunday each year? Here is how it is calculated....Interesting!

The date is decided by a complex set of calculations based on observations of the moon.

In early Christianity, different churches used different methods, leading to disagreements which remain unresolved centuries later.

Eastern and Western churches continue to celebrate Easter according to different calendars, although sometimes by chance the festivals coincide.

In Western Christianity, Easter Sunday must always follow the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Easter celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus, which the Bible says happened around the Jewish festival Passover.

Passover typically begins on the night of the first full moon after the spring equinox, except in "leap months" when it is the second full moon, as in 2016. In 2020 the full moon is on April 8, which is also the date Passover starts.

Because the precise timing of observing the full moon can vary in each time zone, the Church instead calculates the date from the ecclesiastical calendar. This divides 19 normal calendar years into 235 months of 30 and 29 days each, with the ecclesiastical full moon on the 14th day of each lunar month.

The "paschal full moon" - from the Aramaic for Passover - is the one that falls on or after the spring equinox on March 21.

Easter Day is the first Sunday after the paschal full moon - so if the full moon is on a Sunday, Easter will be a week later. Therefore the earliest Easter can be is March 22, and the latest is April 25.

The latest Easter in recent years was April 23 in the year 2000, and the earliest was March 23 in 2008. It will not fall in March again until 2024 when it is on March 31.

In 1943 a full moon fell on March 20, just before the equinox, so the paschal full moon was the next one on April 18. This was a Sunday so Easter was seven days later on April 25. It will not be this late again until 2038.

Christians in the East use the Julian calendar, 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar used in the West, so the full moon and equinox are calculated according to a different date. This means in 2020 the Eastern church will celebrate Easter on April 19, a week after Western churches.

Some years, such as in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2017, the two churches celebrated Easter on the same day. This will happen next in 2025.

In other years the festivals may be up to five weeks apart, as happened in 2013 and 2016. by Jon Rogers