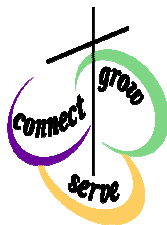


1st Connection


Seeking to...Live Simply so that others may Simply Live

-a communication of the FRC family
February 19, 2012

Check the bulletin board in the foyer for all community events!



Mon. - 5:00 P.M. J.O.Y. meets
7:00 P.M. Beth Moore Bible Study

Wed. - **Family Night**
Everyone welcome
5:30-6:15 P.M. Family Night Dinner/
GEMS Soup and Salad Bar 
6:15 P.M. Prayer Meeting in Room 17
6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Kingdom Kids (4 & 5 year olds)
Gems/Cadets (1st—8th grade)
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. Praise Team # 3/Praise Band
~ Framework; (Building Support/
Accountability) Meet in Fireside room.

Thurs. - 6:45P.M. Men's Bible Study (Fighting for your manhood; how to win)
8:00 P.M. Euchre League

Fri. - 7:00 A.M. Men's Lenten Breakfast Series: First Congregational Church - Rev. Ray Dekker. Character - Judas Iscariot

Looking Ahead.....

March 2 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfast Series: All Saints Church
Father Peter Obongo

February 26 - Lenten Series "The Road to the Cross: Following in the footsteps of Jesus" Begins.
~Special Offering -Capital Improvements

February 28 - Executive meeting
March 2-4 - J.O.Y. Retreat at Spring Hill
March 5 - Ministry Teams meet

Meet Our New Office Assistant

The Executive Ministry Team would like to announce the hiring of our new Office Assistant, Staci Stroven! Staci and her husband Nathan and son Kole have been worshipping with us for some time now. If you have not yet met Staci, feel free to stop by the church office in the afternoon and say "Hi" and introduce yourself to her so she can become familiar with everyone.

This Wednesday is the Annual GEMS Soup & Salad dinner. GEMS counselors and CIT's will be preparing and serving this wonderful family night dinner this Wednesday, February 22nd. Donations are welcome and all monies collected will be used towards GEMS Counselors convention travel expenses. Convention will be July 12-15, 2012, at Wheaton College in Chicago, IL. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions, please see Sue Wright. Thank You for your support!

Wednesday Night Cooks...we are still in need of cooks for February 29, March 7, and 21st. If no one signs up for these nights, there will be no meal provided. If you can help out by making a meal one of these nights, please sign up at the information center today. Rachel Moore would love to help out (ph. 924-0683).

Cooks Needed!



Sunday Mornings

Come to the *Prayer Room* at 9:15 a.m. before worship to pray for 15 minutes. Prayer is critical to the fruitfulness of ministry.

Contact Information


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Administrative Assistant:
Pat TerVeer, email: pterveer@frcfremont.org
Custodians: O'Neals: Randy - 231-519-5903
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Church building open:
Sunday—All day
Monday—Thursday 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Friday—Saturday - Closed

February Birthdays



HAPPY Birthday

- 20 - James Wallace
Cheryl Kublin
- 21 - Weston Rottier
- 22 - Tyler Dickinson
- 23 - Jeremiah Schutt
Jean Stroven
- 24 - Phyllis Bushaw
Matt Schafer
Emily Shue
Lance Veenstra
- 25 - Allison Kublin
- 26 - Robin Moore

Rod Borgman,
Cal Burns,
Judy Vissia and
Betty Warren

Prayer Team

A prayer request box is now available in the Gathering Center and the North entrance of the sanctuary. Please share your request in this vital ministry.

Prayer is a great deterrent to gossip!



Please continue to help support TrueNorth Food Pantry by remembering to pick up an extra item or two and put them on the table at the south entrance of the church and we will see that they get delivered. If you would rather make a donation and have someone do the shopping for you, please contact Jean Rottman at 231-652-6140.

THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING: A GREAT GIFT FROM GOD! C.S. Lewis once said this; "Are you feeling sad? Depressed? Empty? Get out and do something for someone!" His words kind of go with this saying we have; "It's better to give than receive". Too bad it's not a saying everyone embraces! I have seen this truth lived out a gazillion times (well, maybe not that many – but a lot!). Especially by people who, because of many different circumstances, have needed help...but wanted to give back. An elderly woman the church helped in different ways, who gave back by knitting & croqueting hundreds of hats and mittens that found their way onto the heads and hands of kids who came to school without them. Another who had the gift of encouragement, and responded to a "what can I do" by agreeing to call others and just talk, seeing what their needs might be. A young mom caught up in a tough situation who came and did a bunch a "little things" at church that added up to a lot. And then there's those who were right where C.S. Lewis identified. So many people feeling like they were stuck in life's mud-pit, spinning their wheels doing a bunch of meaningless stuff, but aspiring to do more. A guy who quit a great job, took a huge leap of faith to do another that would become a ministry, and free him up to use a boatload of gifts to help many others. Right now; he's one of the happiest people I know...God is using him mightily! Another who was in top management, but hated his job. Finally, after years of complaining, listened to the Lord. He's using the gifts God gave Him to do some phenomenal things, and God is meeting his financial needs – his biggest concern. He is like a different person, and every time I talk to him...I praise God! What's the point in all of this? Just to say that when you are serious about making a decision to discover your great worth to God...when you say, "What can I do for you?" or "how can I use my gifts for you?" and *really* mean it...you'll find out. Because God *will* use you. He *will* bless you. Serving God with a "pure heart" isn't about personal gain; it's sacrificial, and born out of simple desire. Yet...the privilege of serving is one of God's greatest gifts of grace! Serving allows you to experience, and see, why you were created, redeemed, gifted, and called...to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It's when you praise God for the difference He allows you to make, and be a part of. The changes you see, the hearts opened to His grace...the gift(s) you give, placed into the hands of God, turning into a forever impact. How humbling, how amazing! How...true. It is my hope, my prayer, that you know this gift, that you seize the privilege of serving God. Not so much for FRC; but for God...and for you. So you will live out the truth of who you are, and (look at these words closely – this is God speaking to you!), claim this promise:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then...the Father will give you whatever you ask in His name." - Jesus (John 15:16)

We can help you discover your gifts, and connect you with opportunities to serve, so you can taste the sweet fruit of serving God, and make a difference...forever.

Thanking God for the privilege of serving Him, -PK



February

**AN ADULT GROW OPPORTUNITY:
"HOW TO GROW A HIGH IMPACT CHURCH"
LEADERSHIP TRAINING!**

Come to grow! Come to get a sense of what God is doing, and will do, at FRC! Come to gain a deeper understanding of where we're headed as a body of Jesus Christ (especially if you're a spiritual leader at FRC)!

Facilitators/leaders: PK/Michele Timmer
Dates/time: 10:45AM -12:15PM Sundays
Feb.26th- April 1st.

Location: Sanctuary
All are welcome to come and grow!



Leadership Change: With regrets, yet heart-felt prayers for a full recovery and restoration of health, the Elders accepted the following letter of resignation from Cal Burns:

Due to my on-going health issues, I regret to ask to be relieved of my position as Elder.

I have sincerely enjoyed, have grown spiritually, and I am grateful for this experience. I have felt such a brother-hood with all of you and will miss sharing in the fellowship. However, the treatments I am receiving consume much of my time and energy and feel the need to concentrate on healing at this time.

I thank each of you for your understanding and out-pouring of love. Julie and I are deeply moved by your prayers on our behalf.

*God's Blessing
Cal Burns*

Please keep Cal and Julie in your prayers, as God brings healing to them both.



World Day of Prayer 2012 will be observed on Sunday this year in an attempt to provide an opportunity for people not available during the week to attend. The women of Malaysia invite all to join them in a special service of prayer focusing on the topic "Let Justice Prevail". It will be held March 4th at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 539 E. Pine, at 2:00 p.m.
Contact person: Jessie Rose ph. 924-2412.



Easter Mini Sessions with Jessi Warren Photography.

Hi all! Easter Mini Sessions will be held the week of March 4-10. I am bringing in some very cute bunnies and possibly baby chicks for the kids! Sessions are \$75 and include a 30 minute session and a disc of 10-15 images. They are in studio sessions. There are 10 spots available. If interested, e-mail me at jess.warren03@gmail.com to book your session!

Grief Recovery Support Group: Your Journey from Morning to Joy - If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, you are invited to attend a GriefShare Group. This 13 week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is special and different A \$10.00 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open door policy, so new people can join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Thursdays beginning March 1, 2012, from 7-9 p.m. Registration with our church (231-924-2460) is helpful for planning, but is not required. This is an excellent program to help you on your journey from mourning to joy! We look forward to meeting you at First Christian Reformed Church, 721 Hillcrest Dr. and walking with you on your journey through this difficult time. God Bless You!