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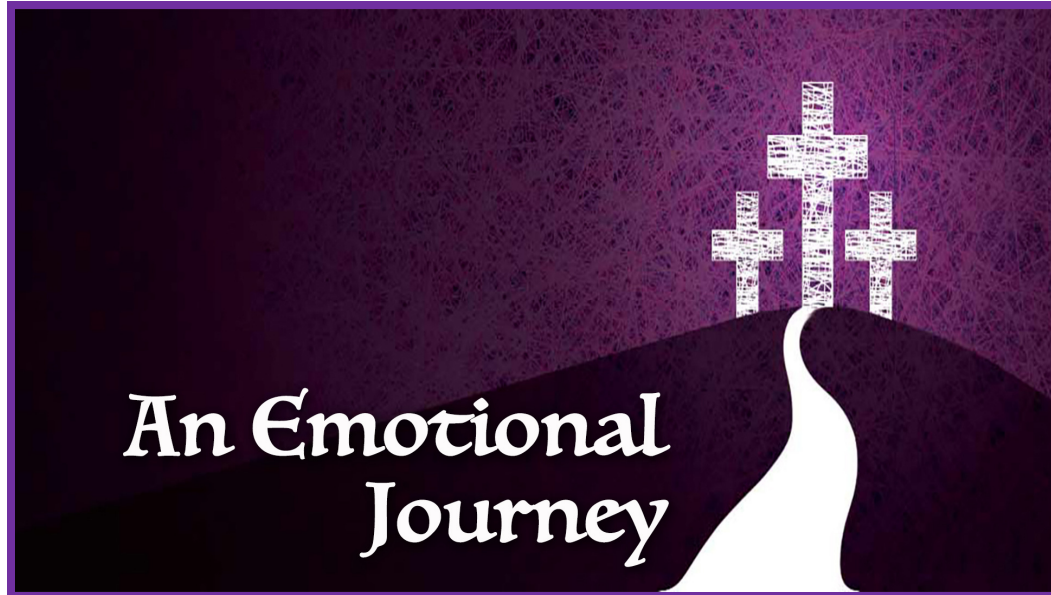
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 25, 2018



Welcome...

Lent is a time of repentance and renewal. And one way to do this is to consider the emotional texture of what is going on in our hearts and minds throughout this season. Lent, perhaps more than any other season, draws upon our human emotion. Feelings we don't always feel. Images and scriptures of agony, betrayal, anger, and confusion all come to the forefront. And throughout this season of Lent, we are going to explore the human emotions connected to this holy season. What feelings are being felt? What emotions are being dealt with? What are people like Judas, Jesus, Peter and the rest of the disciples feeling? And how should we be feeling? And more importantly how can those feelings and emotions focus our worship on repentance and renewal?

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, February 25, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	"Revive Us Again" – Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#99 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" "Great Is He" "Here I Am to Worship"
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" – Chancel Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 26:36-46
Sermon	An Emotional Journey: "Wake Up!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response	#452 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	Joanne Hoeksema
Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending In Grace	#211 "Lead Me to Calvary" (vs. 4)
*Postlude	Joanne Hoeksema

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CHURCH LIFE...

LENT IS A SEASON OF PREPARATION AND REPENTANCE during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please come into worship this morning preparing your hearts and minds through prayer and silence.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS IS EXTENDED to Pastor Corey Buchanan and Tiffany Surrel on their engagement last week.

THANK YOU so much for all the prayers, calls, visits and cards. I'm so thankful for my First Church family. – Leslie Buchanan

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on **Sunday, March 11**. Please set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



COFFEE COUNTER in the Fellowship Hall will be open to those who would like to fellowship prior to the service at 9:00am and enjoy a hot cup of coffee.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL ELIM HOSTESS SUPPER will be on **Friday, March 16** at Crete Protestant Reformed Church. The doors open at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. If interested please contact Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema or Tricia Paarlberg.

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH had a food drive for the food pantry in the month of February. This is our last Sunday for food to be dropped off on the table in the Fellowship Hall. The items needed are: canned chicken, canned ham, canned beef stew, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables & fruits, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, sides (stove top stuffing, boxed potatoes & etc.).

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite casserole for the dinnertime after the **Maundy Thursday** service on **March 29**. Please sign-up downstairs or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite casserole (and soon to be ours)©.

BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS invite you to their Spring Luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on **Thursday, March 22** at 11:30am. Our soloist is Sarah VanDrunen and an offering will be taken for Bibles for Latin America. Call Marsha Ryskamp at 474-0514 for tickets (\$18 for chicken and \$22 for perch) by the deadline of March 15.

PLEASE JOIN US for our annual Evening for Calvin on **Friday, March 23** at Villa Cesare in Schererville, Indiana at 6:30pm. This annual fundraiser banquet is one of the largest fundraisers each year and features a dinner, entertainment, and an opportunity to give. This year it will feature a concert by worship leaders and song writers, Dee and Jen Wilson, and Calvin Christian student artists. Please RSVP by Friday, March 9.

WORSHIP...

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES: Join us for times of worship and fellowship during the season of Lent continuing **Wednesday, February 28th**. They will be held in the Chapel on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus (nursery provided).

March 29: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Chapel (nursery provided) followed by a casserole dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

March 30: Good Friday Service at 7:00pm at The Spirit of God Fellowship (16350 State Street, SH).

April 1: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

CARE...

Howard Taylor is recovering from shoulder surgery at home.

Jackie Rietveld has moved to the Memory Care Program at Park Place in St. John, IN.

Nora Anker continues at Beecher Manor for rehab.

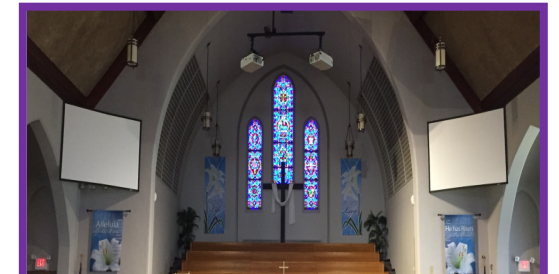
Kathryn Vinke is continuing at Arden Court under hospice care.

Ralph Knopf has completed his treatments and will soon be scheduled for surgery.

Nancy Zivkovich, Dottie Van Vuren's daughter, has started a new medicine and is able to be home but does have in-home care.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lorraine Stevens, 4561 W. 73rd Ct., Merrillville, IN 46410.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



Many thanks to those who have given "above and beyond" to the projection system project. An Ad-Hoc Team has been formed to explore the best options for our projection system that are both functional and aesthetically congruent with the beauty of our sanctuary. We are also beginning to address the improvements needed to the organ. Please pray for wisdom and discernment regarding both of these important projects. For more information or with any questions please see Clair Hoeksema, Elder VP, or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. "Special Project" envelopes are available on the narthex shelves.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GREETERS: Dave & Becky Wright and Don VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylén and Trina Taylor & Gwen Adams
NURSERY: Abby Veldboom and Kaylee Kuyper
SOUND: James Kuyper; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **PROJECTION:** Darrow Alexander
MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema
PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Judy Gill; First Response: Rich Thornton
COOKIE PROVIDERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Alice Kats, Pam Costello and Celeste DeBoer
MUNCH & MINGLE: Meets in the Activity Center at 11:30am
OASIS: Meets from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:30AM: Quilters have cancelled this week
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:00PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room
6:30PM: Women's Bible Study meets at Cindy Nylén's home

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00PM: Lenten Service meets in the Chapel
7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 4

GREETERS: James & Michelle Kuyper and Dawn Kuyper and Kaylee Kuyper
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
NURSERY: Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
VIDEO: Ryan Doodeman; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Rachel Wooley
ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill
FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Mary Decker; First Response: Colin Cutler
COOKIE PROVIDERS: Deb Woltzen, Nyla DeGraff, Jeannie Spike and Norma Smit

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES TODAY AT 11:00AM

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5) Teachers: Sara Jabaay, Sarah Waterstone and Rhonda Hesselink. This class meets in the Genesis Room for learning basic Bible Stories and has a craft-time.
PRIMARY (Ages 6-10) Teachers: Rachel Wooley, Kim Bolkema and Nikki Nyhanna. This class will meet in the Library for crafts and learning the stories of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation.
SECONDARY GROUP (Ages 11-17) Pastor Matt will be leading a discussion with the class on what it means to make Profession of Faith. This class meets in the Loft.

ADULT CLASSES:

Join Barb and Rich Grevengoed as they lead a class on Tim Keller's best-selling book "Generous Justice." The class will meet in the Chapel.
Pastor Mel's Adult Class meets today in the Heritage Room. Studying "The Good Fight of Faith", 1 Timothy 6:11-21.

LEARNING...

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 27** at 6:30pm at Cindy Nylén's home (16009 School Street). We are studying "Crossing the Waters" by Leslie Leland Fields. We will continue to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet **Tuesday, February 27** at 1:00pm in the Genesis Room. Study Session 8, "Mary and Martha: Finding Life From Death." Treats are provided by Betty Lenting and Jeannie Spike.

BOOK CLUB: Book club meets **Tuesday, March 13** at 9:30am. We are reading "John Adams" by David McCullough. Questions? Call Ann Koval @ 331-4338.

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving for the Month of January, 2018

Current Expense – \$5,826.00; Benevolent – \$100.00; Special Projects – \$160.00

Sunday, February 18

Current Expense – \$5,994.00; Benevolent – \$145.00

Missions – \$170.00; Building – \$260.00

TOTAL – \$6,569.00

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$75.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$49,453.00

SERMON NOTES...

An Emotional Journey: "Wake Up!"

Matthew 26:36-46

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PRAYER ROOM – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

To get to know you better, please fill out our **Welcome Card** in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.