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First's Fruits

A New Look!

First's Fruits Debuts New Design

As technology and desktop publishing continues to advance, it was time to give our bi-monthly newsletter a new look.

It will contain much of the same information, just presented in a new and fresh way.

We hope you enjoy the new look and encourage you to submit your ministry updates to the church office:

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Women Enjoy Retreat

It was a beautiful weekend in September that found Carol Deters, Lisa Maynard, Marilyn Sharp, Becki Sweetman, and Janiece Zahrt at Grace Adventures for a Women's Retreat hosted by Grace and featuring author and speaker Lynn Cowell. The experience was absolutely wonderful!

It began with a time of worship and praise followed by our speaker. Lynn's focus for the weekend was moving forward in God's confidence and she introduced us to many women in Scripture who were confident not in themselves, but in God and his power. It was encouraging to hear about Zelophehad's daughters and their courage to stand in front of the Israelite leadership to make their land claim! (Numbers 27 and Joshua 17). Later in the evening we had snacks and participated in a Backpack Escape (similar to a room escape...which we did in record time!).

We awoke to a great breakfast and worship where we reflected on Abigail and her courage and Michal and her bitterness (1 Samuel 14 and 2 Samuel 16). It was good to think on our response in difficult times. Then we were off to our activities, with something for everyone. We were able to do horseback riding, axe-throwing, laser-tag, zip-lining, workshops, jewelry-making, getting a massage, manicures, pedicures, rock-climbing, going on a pontoon boat ride and so much more! Our evening included more worship and listening to how God used Rahab and her courage to trust despite fear (Joshua 2).

Sunday began with breakfast and worship and learning to conquer our fear of failure by following the example of the Hebrew midwives in Moses' day (Exodus 2). Ask any one of the women who went to share about their experience and mark your calendars for next year's retreat! -RS



Ministry focus: Middle School & High School >>>

Oasis

Big changes are happening in the world of middle school ministry! In the past, there were two separate CRC middle school youth groups in Fremont (Middle Mania & BASIC). After some discussion, it has been decided that both groups will combine to operate as one. The current middle school youth

group is now called Oasis. We want Oasis to be a safe haven for middle school students to grow, be challenged, and learn to thrive as Christians. We'll be walking through themes found in the book of Proverbs this semester. -KM



Rooted

Our high school group is up and running too! We spend our Sunday nights sharing a meal, spending time in fellowship, and growing in our faith. This semester, we're looking at some of the unsung heroes in the Bible, what we can learn from them, and what their story can tell us about the character of God. Thank you for the suggestions I've received about potential female leaders! By doing so, you are helping empower Christians within our community to invest in the current and future generations of the Church. -KM

WyldLife

We are still in a season of beginnings with WyldLife. Since we had our very first club in early 2019, this is our first time having a fully operational ministry during a Fall Semester! I have two amazing WyldLife leaders who love Jesus deeply and are gifted at walking alongside middle school students as they navigate the tricky waters of life. The three of us have witnessed God moving in incredible ways,

especially at summer camp this past August. God is stirring the hearts of students with whom we interact, and we do everything we can to point them to the God who loves them more fully and recklessly than we ever could. Below is a picture taken after one of our bi-weekly clubs last semester! Thank you for your prayers and encouragement throughout the creation and sustaining of Fremont WyldLife so far. -KM



The Core Fall Session Begins



We are pleased to offer a number of learning opportunities for people of all ages. Our fall session runs through November 17.

Our Core Classes are off to a good start this fall. We are grateful for our teachers: Shane & Lori Jacobs, Vic Luchies, Kyle Mullin, Kate Deters, Kelly Minasian and Jack Lubbers.

Our PK-Gr. 1 class is focused on "Trusting God and Working for God" while our Gr. 2-5 class is focused on "God's Faithfulness, Wisdom and Strength." Our middle school class is tackling the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Our high school class finished up a study of the Apostles' Creed and has moved on to a study of the Belgic Confession. Our adult class is focusing on prayer.

What a wonderful opportunity we have to learn and grow together!



Mission Sunday 2019 Annual Celebration Set for October 20

Jesus, in the Great Commission, commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations." One way we live into that command is by supporting missionaries around the world.

On October 20 we will celebrate God's mission. Pastor Mike Wissink, athletic chaplain at Ferris State University, will bring the message in our morning worship.

At noon, we will share a meal and will receive video updates from Bruce & Janine Coker as well as from the Karin Medical Clinic in Uganda. We will end our time by issuing a challenge for a new local mission.

Harvest Festival 2019

We enjoyed participating in Fremont's Harvest Festival 2019 with our Hay Art entry and participation in the annual Harvest Festival Parade. Our hay art reminded people that Jesus lights our world. Our float

captured the theme of the "Good Old Days" with some gospel music. At the parade, we handed out over 2,000 lollipops! Thanks to everyone who helped with the hay art and with the float. It was a great way to connect with our community.



From the pastor....

In the last newsletter, we looked at the first part of our new mission statement. In this issue, we will look at the second half.

Imperfect people growing with our community in love for God and each other.

Last newsletter I wrote about what it means to be "imperfect people growing with our community." Let's pick up where we left off.

"...in love for God..." The great commandment is that we love God above all and our neighbor as ourselves. As God's people at First Fremont, we are called, above all, to love God and to grow in that love every day. We do that by attending worship and studying God's Word, both individually and as a community. We love because God first loved us and so our desire to love God grows out of his unconditional love for us, expressed most clearly through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"...and each other." In a world that is filled with conflict and increasing hatred, it's critical for the church to model what it means to love each other. As we love each other, we are also called to love our neighbors so we have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. The early church was marked by the love and concern that they showed to each other. May it be so of us as well! -DS

Discussion Questions:

- How is God challenging you to live into our vision statement?
- How are you growing in love for God and each other?

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

04 James Ferris
05 Maggie Deters
06 Marilyn Sharp
07 Charlene Luchies
08 Coralee Spoelman
09 Noah Hansen
09 Daniel Minasian
11 Lydia Deters
17 Evelyn Derks
18 Evelyn Parsons
21 Greg Hoekman
25 Joyce Frens
25 Joseph Hansen
26 Sandra Kolk
26 Connie Pell

NOVEMBER

01 Blake Cunningham
01 Janet Deters
02 Amy Bunce
05 Marian Breuker
05 Easton Cunningham
11 Willie Wever
13 Deb Brinkman
14 Keith Bultman
15 Marie Terpstra
18 Wayne Cunningham
18 Sharon Schipper
20 Grant Parsons
23 Ruth Brinkman
23 Anne Luchies (Sid)
23 Lillian Oosterhouse
24 Wayne Chrystler
25 Jan Breuker
25 Leah Sweetman



coming soon >>>

Mark your calendars

October 20 – Mission Sunday

Worship – 9:30 am

Potluck & Program – noon

Worship – 6:00 pm

November 24 – Thanksgiving

Potluck – 11:45 am

November 28 – Thanksgiving

Worship – 9:30 am

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

02 Carl & Louise Pearson
13 Dave & Deb Wolfsen
17 Howard & Eleanor Witte
18 Al & Barbara Buitendorp
22 Keith & Irene Bultman
23 George & Joyce Bunce

NOVEMBER

06 Dave & Sharon DeKryger
09 Shane & Lori Jacobs
11 Wayne & Sandy Mast
26 Wayne & Lori Chrystler
29 Al & Barb Mast



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