

SECOND STORY



Second Reformed Church Newsletter

March 2020



One of the consistory's responsibilities is to continually examine where we are (current reality) and where God is calling us to go (emerging future). God has revealed to us the timeless mission of the church in the scriptures which is best summed up in Jesus words in the gospel of Matthew, 28:18-20.

"All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me, therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. I will be with you always."

This past fall a leadership team made up of consistory members and members from the church at large met for a three day weekend with a facilitator to engage the work of discerning our vision. Over the course of those three days several initiatives rose to the surface for us to pursue over the course of the next three years (2022). You will be hearing more about this as the work unfolds but here is a brief introduction to those initiatives.

1. **My One, Our One:** One of the ways we grow in our faith is by intentionally building loving relationships with our neighbors / community members who may not know Jesus or who may not be presently walking with him. We endeavor to create a church culture where we are all invested in the call to reach out.
2. **Leadership Alignment:** When the mission is clear and the vision is shared and compelling, the leaders' task is to sustain that vision and ensure that the church is faithful to her calling. We endeavor to create a structure that is conducive to this transformational leadership.
3. **Kids' Ministry:** Recognizing who we are as a church, we endeavor to double down on kids' and student ministry, making it a priority of the church.
4. **Rebranding:** We are in the communication business and everything communicates. We will review all of our means of communication (website, signage, social media, streaming) to make sure that our communication is clear and on point.



The Sunday Connect K-2 class had fun using blocks to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem like Nehemiah. (Tyler Houzenga, Allison Partin, Grant Merema, Brooke Merema, Alyssa Temple and Katelyn Swanson.)

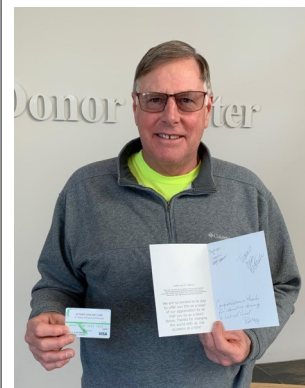
Arriving this summer... June 22 – 26



We are so excited bring kids on board where they will learn through all life's up and downs that Jesus' Power pulls us through! June 22-26 kids kindergarten-5th grade will hop on the Rocky Railway and learn all about God's love through games, crafts, songs, and stories.

What's Happening

March 25—No Family Night Activities—
spring break
April 5— Palm Sunday Brunch
April 9— Maundy Thursday 6:30p.m.
April 12—Easter Sunday
April 24—Elias Dummer Concert
April 29—Last Family Night of the
season



Congratulations to Dale Sterenberg! Dale gave blood for the 1st time during our December blood drive. His name was drawn from a list of all donors in Mississippi Valley's 4 state region during the Center's Critical Week blood drive.

Our next blood drive will be held July 27.



Grace Merema, Ethan and Garrett Nelson are enjoying the new chairs in the Kid Zone reading corner.

Middle School
Youth Group
meets
Wednesday
6:30—7:45 p.m.

High School
Youth Group
meets
Wednesday
8:00—9:30 p.m.



THE BRIDGE

STUDENT MINISTRY

On April 5 the Bridge Student Ministry (High School) will be hosting the Palm Sunday Brunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service. The High School students are raising funds for their trip to Rocky Mountain High this summer. We will be asking for food donations next month so keep an eye and ear out for it in the announcements.



Does your Middle Schooler need a place to hang out on Early Release days? Starting March 11 we are bringing back the Early Outs Program at The Bridge. The doors will open at 12:30 with delicious food made by our Kitchen Volunteers. We'll have games, different activities, and a place for students to do homework. The Program will end at 3pm. Students are encouraged to invite friends!

We are in need of volunteers to hang out with the students and help out with food, so if you are interested in helping please contact Nate Johnson via email nathan@secondreformedchurch.net or phone 309-269-4509.

SUPPER @ SECOND

Free Community Dinner
Served every Wednesday
5:30—6:15pm
Everyone is Welcome!

Menu for March / April

- Mar. 11 – Tacos Bar, applesauce, desserts
- Mar. 18 – Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, veggies, fruit and gourmet desserts
- Mar. 25 – Made rites, mac & cheese, Jell-O, dessert bars
- April 1 – Smoked pork loin, desserts
- April 8 – Tuna Casserole, jell with fruit, jell cake
- April 12 – Easter Morning Breakfast from 8-9
- April 15 – TBA
- April 22 – Hot Ham & Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Pea Soup, Crackers, chips, Make your own sundae.
- April 29 – Pancakes & Sausage

Menus subject to change

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