

## Helpful information

1. **Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship after the service.** Coffee is served in the Elevator Room.
2. **Nursery is available for children up to three years of age.** The Nursery Room can be found in the basement of the church.
3. **C.D.s are available for all sermons through the church office.**

### Bad Weather Policy

A reminder that if there is a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, tornado watch or warning 1 hour before a scheduled event that event will be cancelled. If the schools have cancelled, all activities at church will be cancelled. In all other cases, check **WOODTV 8**, [woodtv.com](http://woodtv.com), [jq99.com](http://jq99.com), or the church's website [firstzeeland.org](http://firstzeeland.org) for information.

### COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH

#### Elders

Bruce Sturing (18)- President

David Wierda (19)- Clerk

Howard Blacquiere (20)

Jerry Hoeksema (20)

#### Pastor

Pastor Tom Pettinga

#### Deacons

Ed Wolters (18)- Clerk

Josh Wolters (18)

Ross Harris (19)- Vice President

Bentley Kollen (20)

Bill Machiele (20)- President



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**Prayer Line:** 616.395.1527 or 1.800.654.5795



**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

### Sunday Worship Celebrations

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:00 AM

**Evening Worship Service:** 5:30 PM

**Radio Broadcast:** Every Sunday on 96.5 FM and WPNW1260 AM at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

**C.D.s** are available in the church office.

### **Welcome to First Church!**

We believe God intends First Christian Reformed Church to be a Bible-based, Spirit-empowered church which nurtures and equips all members in order to reach out to the world and draw in our neighbors.



*Pastor of Visitation: Rev. Bernie Mulder*  
*Specialized Transitional Minister: Rev. Tom Pettinga*

## Ministry Schedule

### Nursery-

Today: Laura Taylor, Joe or Jen Stevens, Jacob Taylor

March 25: Cindy VanDyke, Elisa Machiele, Brandon Taylor

### Welcome Center-

Today: Gayle Evenhuis

March 25: Nancy Wolters

## Care and Prayer

Please remember **Dennis Vanden Heuvel** in your prayers as he is very weak with bronchitis.

**Shirley Klingenberg** was hospitalized this week, she underwent a procedure to remove gall stones from a duct that goes from the liver to the intestines. As of this writing, she is still in the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and anticipates she will go home soon.

**Ruth Lemmen**, whom we support with our Faith Promise giving, left the states this past Thursday for China where she will be teaching in a school. This is a new position for her. Please remember her in your prayers.

## Prayer Requests from the GEMS

- Mackenzie: Help her mouth feel better.
- Parker: Help her grandpa who had a heart attack, and be with her student teacher's dad who had a heart attack.
- Elena: Her dog died and she is sad.
- Bella is thankful for GEMS.
- Olivia: Help her eye to feel better.
- Charlotte: Elijah hurt his head, help it to feel better.
- Adria: Help her Grandpa and Grandma Weber to get home from Florida safely.
- Saige: Help her friend Maggie to feel better.
- Emma: Help her gym teacher's baby to come soon.
- Savannah: Her mom's friend's brother died.

We are glad that Kenzy is back with us. Be with Maggie, one of the GEMS girls, who broke her shoulder this week.

We are also thankful for GEMS Sunday and that so many girls and families could come!

<u>Morning Service</u>	<u>Evening Service</u>
Call to Worship	Call to Worship
*Songs of Praise: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" "In Christ Alone"	*Song: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: "Ancient Words"	Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1
The Law of God	Song: "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: General Fund
Offering: Ministry Shares	*Song of Preparation: "Holy Ground"
*Song: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	Scripture: John 17: 13-26
Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56	Message: <b>Jesus- His Prayer for Us Part 2</b>
Message: <b>The Three Hours of Darkness</b>	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"
*Song: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"	Benediction
God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: "Savior Again to Thy Dear Name"
*Song: "Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain"	

Welcome to First CRC, we are glad you're here!

**Pastor Tom Pettinga** will lead us in both our morning and evening worship services today as well as next Sunday, March 25 when we will celebrate Palm Sunday.

Join us on Sunday, April 1 for our Easter Sunday Worship Services! The morning service will begin at 10:00 AM and the evening service will begin at 5:30 PM.

### Sunday

**10:00 AM** Morning Service  
**11:15 AM** Sunday School  
**4:45 PM** Prayer Meeting  
**5:30 PM** Evening Service

### Monday

**9:00 AM** Staff Meeting  
**5:30 PM** Transition Team

### Tuesday

**9:00 AM** Helping Hands  
**6:30 PM** Council Meeting  
 Elders & Deacons  
 Meeting will follow

### Wednesday

**5:30 PM** Dinner  
**6:30 PM** GEMS, Cadets, Adult  
 Class & Breakout

### Thursday

**10:00 AM** Coffee Break

### Friday

### Saturday

**Pastor Tom** will be in the office Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 AM-12:00 noon and Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. If Pastor Tom is not in the office those days and you would like to get ahold of him, feel free to call his cell phone at 641.660.2230 or email him at [tdpettinga4@gmail.com](mailto:tdpettinga4@gmail.com).

**Elisa** will be working in the office this week Monday and Thursday. She will be working from home on Tuesday and Wednesday and can be reached at 616.298.5039.

The **Calling Elder** for the month of March is David Wierda, his phone number is 616.953.0679.

On behalf of the congregation, 'care packages' will be sent to college students living away from home. Our college students are Morgan Kollen, Caleb VanderLugt, Madison VanderLugt and Abraham Wierda. The care packages sent early in the school year were very much appreciated. A note of encouragement, a gift card, treats or whatever you feel would encourage the students near the semester end would be appreciated. There is a basket in the back of church for your contribution. Otherwise, please contact any deacon and they will gladly pick it up. Let's show these students that we support them and help them finish their school year strong. Please have all contributions in by Sunday, April 1.

**From the Council members:** Please submit names for elders and deacons to any current council member or to the church office.

**Janitor Position Available:** The Properties Team is accepting applications for the janitor's position. This is a paid position with flexible hours. Application forms are available at the office.

### Thank You

**Bill & Elisa Machiele** would like to say thank you for all the beautiful gifts, cards and much-appreciated diapers and wipes they received in the crib. Also thank you for the meals, calls and visits they received after Dustin was born. Everything was so appreciated!

"The **family of Anna Hulst** would like to thank the congregation for their thoughtfulness in sending Mom cards and the visits of friends, Elder Bruce Sturing & Pastor Bernie while she lived at Appledorn Living Center in Holland. She missed attending her home church but always appreciated the radio broadcast. Her church family meant so much to her. Thank you for being a caring congregation." -Judy & Larry De Vries, Sharon & Don Frantz, Marcia & Scott Vlietstra and Families

**Dennis Vanden Heuvel** says "thank you" for the birthday greetings. The cards were beautiful with added kind words.

A group of ladies from our church meets every third Tuesday of the month to construct quilts for those less fortunate who do not have the means to keep their families warm. They use all new donated material and their supply of fabric is getting very low. If you have any leftover fabric, or know of someone who might be looking for a place to donate, we would welcome any and all you might have. You can drop them off by the office or in the church basement underneath the stairs. Thanking you in advance, **Helping Hands**.

### Calendar Notes

**Children in Worship** will meet following the Moment for Children this morning.

Join us for a time of coffee and cookies after the morning service today.

**Sunday School** will meet from 11:15-11:45 AM today.

There will be a **Staff Meeting** on Monday at 9:00 AM.

The **Transition Team** will meet on Monday at 5:30 PM.

**Helping Hands** will meet on Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

The **Council** will meet on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**Wednesday Night Supper** is served from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Room. This week we will have Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Soup, Rolls and dessert. Join us for this great meal!

**Wednesday Night Programs** (GEMS, Cadets, Adult Bible Study and Breakout) will meet following dinner from 6:30-8:00 PM.

**Coffee Break** will meet on Thursday at 10:00 AM.

### Offerings

**This Week:**

**AM— Ministry Shares:** Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses.

**PM—General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

**Next Week:**

**AM— Cadets:** Monies to support the First CRC Cadets.

**PM— General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.