

## 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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**Sunday, March 25, 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*

<u>Morning Service</u>	<u>Evening Service</u>
Call to Worship	Call to Worship
*Songs of Praise: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" "The King of Glory Comes"	*Songs: "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome" "Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: "Hosanna"	Belgic Confession
The Law of God	Song: "Spirit Song"
Moment for Children: "Ho Ho Ho Hosanna!"	Congregational Prayer
Preparatory for Communion	Offering: General Fund
Congregational Prayer	*Song of Preparation: "Descend, O Holy Spirit"
Offering: Cadets	Scripture: Luke 11:13 & Acts 1:4-14 & 2:1-4
*Song: "All Glory, Laud & Honor"	Message: <b>The Church- Praying for the Spirit</b>
Scripture: Matthew 26:1-5, 62-68 & 27:25-31	Prayer of Response
Message: <b>The Three 'Then's</b>	*Song: "Breathe on Me Breath of God"
Prayer of Commitment	Benediction
*Song: "All Hail King Jesus"	*Song: "Bless His Holy Name"
God's Blessing as We Depart	
*Song: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"	

### Ministry Schedule

**Nursery-**

Today: Peggy Machiele, Elisa Machiele, Brandon Taylor  
 April 1: Sara Garvelink, Mary Zwagerman, Nathan Kollen

**Welcome Center-**

Today: Nancy Wolters  
 April 1: Hero & Glennys Broekhuizen

### Offerings

**This Week:**

**AM- Cadets:** Monies to support the First CRC Cadets.  
**PM- General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

**Next Week:**

**AM- 1st: General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.  
**2nd: Faith Promise:** Financial support to missionaries both local and international.  
**PM- General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

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, April 1 when we will celebrate Easter.

**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).



**Sunday**

**10:00 AM** Morning Service  
**11:15 AM** Sunday School  
**5:30 PM** Evening Service

**Monday**

**9:00 AM** Staff Meeting

**Tuesday**

**First Focus Articles Due**

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

**10:00 AM** Coffee Break

**Friday**

**7:00 PM** Good Friday  
 Worship Service

**Saturday**

## From the Bridge...

### Praise Reports:

We have several praise reports from staff and volunteers:

- After having a couple of challenging weeks with a few students, one mentor was able to have some positive conversations with a student recently. We hope that we continue to see **Skylar** make positive choices and act as a influence for good around other students.
- We're thankful for the chance to reconnect with **Grace**. She has gone through some big transitions recently and continues trying to make positive steps.
- We are thankful for the commitment that many of our volunteers make on a regular basis. We have seen a few going above and beyond the expectations of their roles to provide greater leadership for students, particularly **Natasha and Marcia**. We're thankful for their willingness to share their talents with our students and show Christ's love in all they do.
- We have a Skills for Life trip coming up on this Friday. We are thankful for some additional support and collaboration that we've seen from a teacher recently to help spread the word and to highlight the great opportunity that this program can be for high school students.
- We've seen some positive social growth from a few students recently: **Robert, Lance, Nathan, and Heather**. We are thankful for the ways they've been able to make some positive choices and demonstrate growth & maturity recently.
- We are thankful for the consistent investment that students are making to engage with leaders and one another during "couch time", our short lessons that are included in each program. We have a large number of students willing to share prayer requests, write those requests on the board, and to pray for one another. It's amazing to see how they're surrounding one another with support and love and creating a strong community!

We had a couple of new students over the past week: **Marcela & Chase**. We're thankful for the chance to get to know these new students and for their friends who brought them. We pray they find their time here to be positive.

### Prayer Requests:

A number of students were brought forth or mentioned general concerns regarding family & friendships, the need to make more positive choices, upcoming events, or struggles that they are facing at school: **Josie, Corbin, Lena, Riley, Brett, Nick, Jade, Zach, Kamryn, Silvia, Ken, Jade, Emma, Jayelynn, Desiree, Bethany, Chloe, Bridget, Joey, Jordan, Skyler, Kaylee, Nate, Kendra, Audrey, Grace, Heather, Kira, McKenzie, Jacob, Ethan, Addison, Josiah, Steffie, Katie, Hannah, and Angelia**. Pray for difficult family situations, health concerns, and friend issues, upcoming events, and the need to make some more positive choices. Please pray for each student and for all students who also did not bring forth prayer requests.

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

**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.

Be sure to check your mailbox for an update from the Transition Team.

Come prepared next Sunday! We're going to start our morning Easter worship service off by singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" together. If you have your own copy of the "Messiah," feel free to bring it with you. If you don't have one, we'll have copies printed so everyone can join in this wonderful musical moment of praise.

Dear friends, at their meeting on this past Tuesday evening, the Council decided to discontinue the airing of our worship services on the local radio station, beginning in the next few weeks. This broadcast has happened for many years and has been appreciated by many of our shut-ins over those years. It has also been generously supported financially. However, these are the reasons for discontinuing the radio ministry:

- The radio station has increasingly questioned whether the broadcast could continue with our present equipment and quality.
- The original intent of the broadcast was for outreach evangelism. Over the years, very few have entered our church as a result of the radio programming.
- Our shut-ins can listen to any number of Bible-based radio sermons each day from many sources.
- We can easily update our technology to bring full, uninterrupted worship services on CDs to our shut-ins - and even provide CD players to them if necessary.
- Our services are ideal times for sharing our difficult stories with each other and for the healing of personal hurts. Without the constraints of the broadcast, we don't have to be concerned about the clock. And we don't have to be concerned about sharing information with all of Ottawa County.

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**.

**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.

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 next Sunday, April 1.

### Calendar Notes

**Children in Worship** will meet following the Moment for Children this morning, they will not meet next Sunday, April 1.

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 no Sunday School next Sunday, April 1.

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

Please have all articles for the **April First Focus** turned in to the church office by Tuesday, March 27.

**Wednesday Night Supper** is served from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Room. This will be our last Wednesday Night Supper for the season. This week we will have Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans and Ice Cream Sundaes. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU, to everyone who has helped make these suppers possible! It could NOT be done without YOU! 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. This will be the last meeting for the season. A big thank you to all the leaders who make these ministries possible.

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

Join us this Friday, March 30 at 7:00 PM for our **Good Friday Worship Service**. Pastor Tom will be leading us in worship.

### Thank You

A big thank you, First CRC, for all the beautiful cards and words of encouragement I received after my surgery. I want to also thank Pastor Tom and Pastor Bernie for their visits during that time. -**Russ Hyma**

### Care and Prayer

**Dennis Vanden Heuvel** is improving a little, but he is still very weak. Please continue to pray for both him and Angie at this time.

**Shirley Klingenberg** underwent a procedure to remove gall stones from a duct that goes from the liver to the intestines. She returned home from the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and is improving. She will be undergoing another procedure to remove the rest of the stones on Tuesday, April 3. Please for strength and all will go well with her upcoming procedure.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Tom and Dar's son, Neill, down in Texas. Pray for healing emotionally and physically for him. Please also pray for Dar as she is currently down in Texas helping him prepare for a move to Holland.

**Sarah Kluitenberg**, a missionary we support, will be leaving for Nigeria on Friday, March 30. Pray for safety in her travels and her work in Nigeria.

Please remember to pray for the kids of the Bridge, specifically those who were in your mailbox (the page with their name and picture that was put in your mailbox a few weeks ago.)

### Prayer Requests from the GEMS

- The GEMS are thankful Maggie is back after breaking her shoulder. Pray for healing for her.
- Be with Bella and Savannah as they were sick and not able to be at GEMS on Wednesday.
- Pray for us as we end our season on Wednesday, and safety throughout the summer. We hope everyone will return next year.
- Continue to heal Miss Von's shoulder.

We are so blessed to have a great group of girls who truly care about each other and are helpful to each other.

### Prayer Requests from the Cadets

Ethan: For Grandma to come to Zeeland

Rick: Our Church Cadet Program

Wes: Be with college students as they near semester end

Austin: To go see his aunt and uncle

Daryl: For Anthony to find a place to live

Sam: For President Trump to make good choices

Brandon: For no more school shootings

Trigve: Safety for his cousin and for him not to be scared

Tristin: Safe travel when seeing cousins in North Carolina

Doug: Safety during Spring Break

Bentley: That more people will volunteer at the Bridge.