

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, jq99.com, or the church's website 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

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Sunday, April 1, 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>
Prelude: <i>Alleluia</i> -Mozart	Call to Worship
Call to Worship	*Songs: <i>Low in the Grave Christ Lay</i>
*Song: <i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> -Handel	<i>Because He Lives</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: <i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45 & 57
Gray Hymnal #388	Song: <i>Come You Faithful Raise the Strain</i>
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: General Fund
Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise	*Song: <i>O Come Let Us Adore Him</i>
<i>Bell Choir: Easter Joy</i> arr. De Koster	Scripture: Acts 4:1-4, 21-31
*Song: <i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i>	Message: The Church- Praying for Boldness
Scripture: Matthew 27:55-61 & John 20:1-18	Prayer of Response
Message: The Three-Time Witness	*Song: <i>Prayer is the Souls Sincere Desire</i>
Prayer of Commitment	*Benediction
*Song: <i>O How Good</i> Gray Hymnal #401	*Song: <i>The Day of Resurrection</i>
*God's Blessing as We Depart	
*Departing Song: <i>I Serve a Risen Savior</i>	
Gray Hymnal #405	
Postlude: <i>Now All the Vault of Heaven</i>	
<i>Resounds</i> arr. Johnson	
<i>Accompanist: Kris De Koster</i>	<i>Accompanist: Von Wesseldyke</i>

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.

Next Sunday, April 8 **Pastor Tom** will lead us in our morning worship service and we will welcome **Pastor Norm Buursma** to lead us in our evening worship service.

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Sara Garvelink, Mary Zwagerman, Nathan Kollen

April 8: Anne Kollen, Jennifer Stevens, Ethan Kollen

Welcome Center-

Today: Hero & Glennys Broekhuizen

April 8: Ruth Fineout

Offerings

This 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.

Next Week:

AM- Building Fund: Monies for future improvements/repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

PM- General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Care and Prayer

Dennis Vanden Heuvel's pain and coughing have decreased. Praise the Lord! Pray for gained strength for him.

Shirley Klingenberg's procedure to remove the rest of the stones has been postponed to Wednesday, April 11. Please for strength and all will go well with her upcoming procedure.

Jason Scholten fell at home a few weeks ago and injured his rotator cuff in his shoulder. He does not need surgery at this time as long as it stays in place. Pray for the pain to be minimal and that surgery will not be needed.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Tom and Dar's son, Neill, down in Texas. He has been released from the hospital (Praise the Lord for his healing power!). Dar and Neill are staying with family friends in Austin, Texas and hope to return to Holland soon.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

10:00 AM Morning Service

5:30 PM Evening Service

Prayer Requests from the GEMS

The GEMS and Leaders would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support this year. This week ended our year with a movie and popcorn in PJ's night. We ask for safety in traveling as several girls and 1 leader are traveling for Spring Break. We are thankful Arianna was back this week. We are also thankful Bella and Savannah were better and could join us. We ask for healing for Maggie and Miss Vons shoulders. We ask for prayers that the girls finish their school year strong and that they have a safe, relaxing, and fun summer. Our prayer is that all the girls return next year. Continue to pray for the Leaders as we prepare to go to Conference this summer in Canada in July.

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- We had our annual Girls Night In this past Friday, and it was a great time with relationships built and strengthened! We had a few students come to the Bridge for the first time, **Alyssa & Cora**. We are also thankful for the time that staff from Legends Design provided to come and do hair for the girls.
- A few students have opened up about what's happening in their lives recently: **Kaylee, Emma, Chloe, & Ray**. We are thankful for the chance to build stronger relationships with these students and also pray that God will continue to make Himself known to each of these students.
- One of our mentors has recently gotten the chance to begin following up with his student at school during lunches. We are thankful for the chance to build a stronger relationship with **Zach** and hope to continue seeing social and academic growth in him.

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- We pray for improved health situations for a number of students and their families: **Desiree & Jayelynn's** mom is pregnant and due soon & have a cousin who is sick, **Brett's** dad is recovering from surgery, **Winston's** mom is having surgery soon, **Lena's** brother had surgery last week, **Skylar & Kody's** mom is back in the hospital with complications, **Nate's** friend is having back issues, **Bethany's** brother is having knee pain, **Lance** had braces put on, **Reese & Brooklyn's** mom is having surgery soon, **Sydney** has vertigo, and **Gavin, Jade, Ray, and Kaylee** are in need of prayers for healing as they face some challenges. We also pray for the uncertain health situation that our volunteer **Nancy** is currently facing.
- We pray for students who raised concerns regarding challenges with friends or at school: **Corbin, Reese, Travis, Will, Skylar, Lena, & Destiney**.
- We pray for a number of students facing difficulties at home currently. We specifically pray for resolutions with uncertain situations, for family strife, for coping with loss, and unwanted distance from loved ones. Please keep **Katie, Steffie, Heather, Brandon, Nick, Silvia, Jade, Jacob, Angel, Chloe, Corbin, Nathan, and Hannah** in your prayers.

Pastor Tom will be leaving for Texas on Monday to get his son's belongings and vehicle and he hopes to return by Friday. If 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.

The **Calling Elder** for the month of April is Jerry Hoeksema, his phone number is 616.298.8699.

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.

Please sign up to be in a **Table Talk** group on Sunday, April 15 or 22. The sign-up board is in the back of the sanctuary. These are important meetings for the churches future, we need your input.

Dear friends, at their meeting on Tuesday, March 20, the Council decided to discontinue the airing of our worship services on the local radio station, with the last Sunday being Sunday, April 8. 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.

Thank you for all who have contributed to this ministry, and thank God for all the people who have benefitted from it!

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**.

Easter Flowers in front of church are:

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. **Today is the last day to turn in your contributions.**

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.

Happy Birthday!

This week we wish **Dennis Walters** a happy 93rd birthday on Saturday, April 7. May his special day be great!

Calendar Notes

There will be no **Children in Worship** or **Sunday School** today. They will meet again next Sunday, April 8.

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

Thank You

Gord & Henkie Beukema would like to say thank you for the cards and prayers they received when Henkie's brother passed away. They appreciate being a part of such a caring church.

Thank you so very much to everyone who has helped with the Wednesday Night Suppers in one way or another. This ministry takes a lot of work but it is so loved and appreciated by many. The list of those to thank is so long, thank you for those who got groceries, those who prepared beverages, tables, food, and cooked for these meals. Thank you to those who came weekly to help with different tasks in the kitchen from dishes, to cutting meat or preparing vegetables, serving the food, vacuuming, cleaning tables and cleaning up after the meals. The list can go on and on, but THANK YOU. Your time, energy and efforts are very appreciated!

In Memory Of: **From:**

- Alvin Wesseldyke Barb & Jason Walters
- Loved OnesBentley & Anne Kollen, Cynthia Kollen
- Loved Ones Rog & Loie Brower
- Harriet Walters The Walters Family
- Herm Gruppen & Lois Creswell..... Kathryn Gruppen
- Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents.....The Machiele Family
- Jason Redder Gord & Cindy VanDyke
- Loved Ones Duane & Sonja Garvelink
- Loved Ones Pearl Huizenga
- Our Loved Ones Evenhuis Family
- Dave Becksfort Lorraine Becksfort
- Peter & Elizabeth DeKock DeKock Family
- Dennis Scholten & Lila Teerman Ethel Scholten
- Garietta Klunder..... Gord Klunder
- Loved OnesBill & Elisa Machiele
- Isaac John Hoeksema,
Elmer & Jerene Hoeksema, Garrietta KlunderJerry & Marcia Hoeksema
- Rev. & Mrs. Bernard DenOuden,
Al Wesseldyke & Ben Becksvoort Doug & Evonne Wesseldyke
- Mr. & Mrs. Mart VanDenBosch, Rollie & Aldajean Oshier,
Cal VanDenBosch Lindsay and Dar VandenBosch

The Easter Flowers for home use can be picked up in the Zebra Room. The rest can be taken from the front of the Sanctuary after the service today. The GEMS Leaders thank you for your