

## 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

#### Deacons

Ed Wolters (18)- Clerk  
Josh Wolters (18)  
Ross Harris (19)- Vice President  
Bentley Kollen (20)  
Bill Machiele (20)- President



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Telephone: 616.772.3843  
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**Prayer Line:** 616.395.1527 or 1.800.654.5795



**Sunday, April 15, 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: <i>Be Exalted, O God Days of Elijah</i>	*Songs: <i>I Will Sing of the Mercies All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: <i>Come We That Love the Lord</i>	Confession of Faith: From Article 26 of the Belgic Confession
The Law of God	Song: <i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: Bethany Christian Service
Offering: Ministry Shares	*Song: <i>Teach Me O Lord Your Way of Truth</i>
*Song of Preparation: <i>Thy Word</i>	Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1-5
*Scripture: Exodus 2:11-25	Message: <b>The Power of Your Calling</b>
Message: <b>The Far Side of the Desert</b>	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>O Jesus I Have Promised</i>
*Song: <i>Here I Am Lord</i>	*Benediction
*God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*Departing Song: <i>We Receive Your Blessing</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 and next Sunday, April 22.

**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  
**4:45 PM** Prayer Meeting  
**5:30 PM** Evening Service

Monday

**9:00 AM** Staff Meeting

Tuesday

**9:00 AM** Helping Hands  
**6:30PM** Council Meeting  
(Elder & Deacon  
Meetings to follow)

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Ministry Schedule

#### Nursery-

Today: Peggy Machiele, Wes Vander Lugt, Emma Kaptein  
April 22: Bentley Kollen, Denise VanderLugt, Brandon Taylor

#### Welcome Center-

Today: Joe & Jenn Stevens  
April 22: Jason & Barb Walters

### 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- Bethany Christian Services:** A non-profit organization that provides adoption and orphan care services through a national network of over 80 locations, and licensed in more than 30 U.S. states.

#### Next Week:

**AM- Charity Fund:** Monies to pay for need-based ministry for the congregation and community.

**PM- Lakeshore Pregnancy Center:** Free services for clients with potential pregnancy; also, abstinence education in a Christian-counseled atmosphere.

### Care and Prayer

**Shirley Klingenberg** had an outpatient procedure done on Wednesday, April 11 to remove the remaining stones in a duct that goes from her liver to her intestines. Everything went smoothly and she's feeling well, what a blessing!

## From the Bridge...

### Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- We had our last It's Amazing program time of the year just before spring break. We are thankful for the community that was established between students and leaders through that program this year and the positive intergenerational relationships that were built. We pray this group will continue to grow in their faith as a result of their time spent together this year.
- We are thankful for partnerships that we're able to build with the community, specifically this week for a growing partnership with Gentex. We are grateful to have the chance to utilize some of their staff as volunteers, and we pray that these efforts will further our mission to surround the youth in our community with caring community members who can introduce Christ's love to them.
- We have a couple of students who have asked to lead a short devotion during upcoming "couch times", **Zach** and **Chloe**. We are encouraged to see students wanting to share their faith and stories with their peers.
- A few students shared prayers of thanks recently:
  - ◇ **Lena's** brother recently had successful surgery. We pray for continued healing as he recovers.
  - ◇ **Desiree and Jayelynn's** mom had her baby. They are thankful for a new brother, and we pray for the family as they make this exciting transition.
  - ◇ **Reese** gives thanks for a couple of friends whose mom's are pregnant.

### Prayers of Need & Concern:

- We pray for improved health situations for a number of students and their families, as well as some of our volunteers: **Reese & Brooklyn's** mom is having surgery soon. **Nate** prays that his friend's back feels better soon. **Jade** prays for those experience sadness & depression. **Nathan's** sister was in an accident recently, so we pray for her recovery as well as for the others who were more seriously injured as a result. **Jordan's** sister was in a car accident over spring break and is injured, so we pray for her recovery. **Trevor** prays for his dad's back, which has been hurting recently. **Skylar and Kody's** mom continues to face complications as she recovers from an illness. She was admitted into the hospital again and may need a feeding tube, so we pray for answers & patience for her and their family as they face this challenge. **Bob** needs surgery soon, so we pray that it solves the problem he is facing. We also continue to pray for **Nancy** as she faces health struggles.
- We pray for a number of students & volunteers facing difficulties 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, Hannah, Heather, Brandon, Izzy, Jade, Josie, Paulette, Chloe, Jordan, Corbin, and Kaylee** in your prayers.

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.

Ed Wolters has been hired for the janitor's position and will be working with Norm. For any facility questions call Norm first at 616.610.1679. If you can't reach him call, Ed at 616.644.7643.

**There is still time to sign up to be in a Table Talk group!** You can sign up to be in a group after the morning service **today** or next Sunday, April 22. The sign-up board is in the back of the sanctuary. These are important meetings for the churches future, we need your input. The questions we will be discussing are on the next page.

We are starting a **Food and Goods Drive** today for Harvest Stand Ministries in Zeeland. A grocery cart is available in the back of the sanctuary with a page listing their current needs for your shopping convenience. Their current needs are: Kleenex, toilet paper, feminine hygiene items, paper napkins, shampoo, men's deodorant, laundry soap, cleaning products, potatoes (can), potatoes (box), tomato sauce, pasta sauce, pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, chili (can), spam, crackers, granola bars, and fruit snacks. There are some items they have been abundantly blessed with and are not in need of at this time. Those items include cereal, peanut butter, flour, pasta and bars of soap.

Please have all articles for the **May First Focus** to the church office by Tuesday, April 24. It will be distributed on Sunday, April 29.

On Thursday, May 3, 2018 Marianne Hoeksema's sister will be coming to church to do a 2nd spring painting with some of the Coffee Break ladies from 9:30-11:30 AM. It's a lot of fun and she draws the outline for those who aren't artistic! There's room for a few more ladies, so if you are interested or want more information, please contact Von Wesseldyke at 772.2672 or 616.566.6390 soon. Any age is welcome!

Ladies: You are invited to attend the annual **Spring Luncheon** of the "**Zeeland Women's Division/Bible League International**" to be held on Thursday, April 26 at 11:30 AM at the North Street CRC, 20 E. Main Street, Zeeland. Guest speakers are Pastor Phil and his wife Sonnet Quinn, retelling the story of "Ruth" as she journeys to the land of her mother-in-law and the situations she encounters when they arrive. Luncheon event for a suggested donation of \$7.50. An offering will be received for our "Latin America" project. For reservations call Char Faber at 875.7427.

## Calendar Notes

**Children in Worship** will meet in the church basement 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 **Prayer Meeting** at 4:45 PM today. All are welcome!

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

**Helping Hands** will meet on Tuesday, March 15, beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

## Thank You

**From Dennis Walters:** Praise the Lord with me, for all who provided encouragement on my 93rd birthday with lovely cards, prayers, a visit and messages via e-mail.

**Norm Garvelink:** "I thank the Lord, the church family and all the volunteers for everything that was done. The Lord has given me a peace through it all. I am thankful Ed and I will be job sharing."

## Community Announcements

**Parkview Adult Foster Care Home** is looking for an individual to cook in the home. Experience with developmentally disabled adults is not required, but would be beneficial. You must have experience cooking for large groups, meal planning, and have a basic understanding of nutrition. Applicants must also be stable, dependable, possess initiative, and be able to work independently. This position is in charge of grocery shopping for the home, and maintaining the kitchen and freezers as well. They are looking for someone to work approximately 20 hours each week. The hours are somewhat flexible, but applicants would need to prepare dinner for the residents every evening, Monday-Friday (leaving the home around 6:00 PM). During the Fall and Winter months, Wednesday dinners are not required. If you would like to cook for an awesome group of people, this might be the job for you!

## **TABLE TALKS WITH THE TRANSITION TEAM**

These are the questions we'll be discussing together. Thanks for taking the time to think about them before we meet so we can hear everyone's thoughts on them.

1. Reflecting on your entire experience at First CRC, recall a time when you felt the most engaged, alive and motivated.
  - Who was involved?
  - How did it feel?
  - What happened?
2. What are the most important contributions First CRC has made in your life?
  - When did this happen?
  - Who made a difference?
  - How did it impact you?
3. Don't be humble on this one!! What are the most valuable ways you contribute to our church:
  - Your personality
  - Your perspective
  - Your skills
  - Your activities
  - Your characterGive examples :)
4. When have you known the most significant spiritual growth for yourself as a follower of Jesus and for the church?
  - What steps of faith led up to this time of growth?
  - What made a difference?
  - Who was the most helpful to you?
5. What are the essential, central characteristics or ways of doing things that make First CRC unique and special?
6. Create three dreams or prayers for the future of our church. Describe what our church will look like as these prayers are answered and as the dreams come true.