

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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Sunday, April 22, 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</i> <i>Ancient Words</i>	*Songs: <i>I Will Sing of the Mercies</i> <i>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: Lakeshore Pregnancy Center
Offering: Charity Fund	*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: The Power of Your Calling
Message: The Far Side of the Desert	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 29.

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.

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 Transition Team

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Bentley Kollen, Denise VanderLugt, Brandon Taylor

April 29: Joe Stevens, Elisa Machiele, Jacob Taylor

Welcome Center-

Today: Jason & Barb Walters

April 29: Roger & Loie Brower

Offerings

This 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.

Next Week:

AM- GEMS: Monies to support the First CRC GEMS ministry.

PM- ATLAS Ministries: Serving the community by helping hurting people, equipping the saints and uniting the community in the name of Jesus.

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!

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, the church is looking for a part-time person with flexible hours to job share with Ed. Due to health difficulties, Norm will no longer be doing the janitor's position. He will be helping in the transition. For any facility questions call Norm first at 616.610.1679. If you can't reach him call or text Ed at 616.644.7643.

Those who were signed up for Table Talks today, please stay after the morning service and grab a cup of coffee and cookie. The members of the Transition Team will be meeting with you. **There is still openings in the Table Talk groups if you have not signed up yet!** Those who signed up for last Sunday, April 15, we would love to have you come next Sunday, April 29. The sign-up board is in the back of the sanctuary. These are important meetings for our 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.

There are new books in the Church Library! By Wanda Brunstetter: *The Hawaiian Quilt* (with Jean Brunstetter). This is an Amish Story with it's location in Hawaii. These novels are in the Amish Cooking Class Series: *The Seekers* (#1), *The Blessing* (#2), and *The Celebration* (#3). There is also a new DVD in the Church Library: *The Hiding Place*, this is a film based on the book by Corrie Ten Boom.

Reminder for the first group of Coffee Break painting ladies: April 26 from 9:30-11:30 AM we will be painting with Karen Rowan in the Fellowship Room. Do not wear good clothes.

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 by April 23 to reserve your spot!

The elders have approved the membership transfer of Jeff and Tara Jipping and their children Lincoln, Maverick, and Beau to Haven Christian Reformed Church. May the Lord bless them in their new church home.

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 **Staff Meeting** on Monday at 9:00 AM.

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.

The **Transition Team** will meet on Wednesday, April 25 at 5:30 PM.

On Sunday, May 6 after the morning worship service there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to approve and vote on the elder and deacon nominees. The council nominates Roger Brower and Wes VanderLugt for the office of elder, and Pearl Huizenga and Doug Wesseldyke for the office of deacon. We will vote to approve the slate and then draw one name for elder and one for deacon.

Happy Birthday!

This week we wish **Corajeon Hyma, Juliann Van Den Bosch** and **Sherill Riemersma** a happy birthday. Corajeon will celebrate her 86th birthday on Monday, April 23, Juliann will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Thursday, April 26 and Sherill will celebrate her 83rd birthday on Sunday, April 29. May the Lord bless them on their special days!

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."

Morgan Kollen: "I can't express how much it means to me to know that I have so many people supporting me. The letters meant so much and always come at the perfect time. I am so glad to feel God's grace through all of the positive thoughts and well wishes. Thank you again!"

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- We are grateful for all of the time and commitment that the following volunteers made to our It's Amazing program during this past year: Dennis, Fred, Margret, and the group from Royal Park. These individuals set aside time each week to welcome students into their homes and build relationships with these kids.
- We've seen some positive steps taken recently in a few students with regard to their social interactions. We're thankful for the way that Kate has started to open up with others during Drop In and for the positive decisions that Skylar has been making. We're also thankful for the leadership that Zach has been displaying lately.
- As we get closer to the end of the year, we are starting to hear from students about the impacts that have been made and the relationships that have developed this year. We pray that these relationships can continue throughout the summer and that the choices our students make will continue to be positive. We are particularly grateful for the positive impacts our high school volunteers have been able to make on younger students this year!
- We had roughly 30 students and volunteers take part in our Bridging Out service project this past Wednesday. The group was able to clean 2 parks and a school playground, collecting roughly a dozen bags of trash in the process. We are thankful for the willingness of our students to invest into their community and make it a more enjoyable place for all of us to live!
- After a couple of months of unknown health challenges, Nancy received positive news this past week. We thank God for the miracle worked!
- A couple of students shared prayers of thanks recently:
 - o Desiree had brought forth a prayer recently for a cousin serving in the military who was missing in action. She shared this past week that they were, thankfully, able to locate him.
 - o Alex was able to recently move back to Zeeland, and we are thankful that he's become involved again at the Bridge as a result!

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- We pray for improved situations for a number of students and their families:
 - o Reese & Brooklyn's mom is having surgery soon.
 - o Alex's mom is having back surgery soon.
 - o Desiree's baby cousin is having some significant health issues.
 - o Heather, Brandon, Silvia, and Jade are facing some challenges at home.
 - o Please pray for unspecified difficulties for Kaylee, Jayelynn, Steffie, Katie, & Jordan.

Prayer Request From the PIER...

Janae is a young lady who was going to a church that didn't do any exterior sacraments. She came into our church and the Spirit of God pierced and she is desiring to get baptized. Pray that God will continue to move in her heart.

Prayer Request from Neighborhood Connections...

Pray for a mom, daughter, grandmother and grandchild living in a home that is barely livable. Pray that their living arrangement will improve. Pray also that the Word will offer them comfort in the recent loss of their husband, father, and grandfather.

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 character

Give 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.