

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 29, 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: <i>Blessed Be the Name of the Lord</i> <i>His Name is Wonderful</i>	*Songs: <i>Take My Life and Let it Be</i> <i>10,000 Reasons</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: <i>Come Now is the Time to Worship</i>	Apostles' Creed
Litany of Confession	Song: <i>Here I Am Lord</i>
Moment for Children: Pastor Tom	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: ATLAS Ministries
Offering: GEMS	*Song: <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord</i>
*Song: <i>I Will Hide Your Word</i>	Scripture: Jeremiah 1:6-10
*Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15	Message: Reasons to Answer the Call
Message: "I Have Come...Now Go"	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>Lord You Give the Great</i> <i>Commission</i>
*Song: <i>Cleanse Me</i>	*Benediction
*God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing</i>
*Song: <i>Go My Children With My Blessing</i>	
<i>Accompanist: Kris De Koster</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, May 6. Nathan Kollen will lead us in the Litany of Confession this morning.

Pastor Tom will be in the office Monday of this week. He will be out of town this week Wednesday through Saturday. 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

Wednesday

Thursday

National Day of Prayer

Friday

Saturday

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Joe Stevens, Elisa Machiele, Jacob Taylor
May 6: Sonja Garvelink, Anne Kollen, Nathan Kollen

Welcome Center-

Today: Roger & Loie Brower
May 6: Dave & Laurel Bonnema

Offerings

This 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.

Next Week:

AM- 1st: General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

2nd: Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

PM- Parkview: Monies to support Parkview Adult Foster Care Home in Zeeland.

Care and Prayer

Joann Maatman spent a few days in the hospital with pneumonia and she has returned to Rest Haven in Holland. Pray for her as she continues to recover.

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- There have been some positive growth witnessed in the following students recently: Emma, Desiree, Jade, and Grace. We're thankful for the ways they're making positive choices and continuing to demonstrate this through the relationships they're building with other students, staff, and volunteers.
- We've had a couple of new students attend over the past week: Cora & Alex. Both students came because of friends who attend, and we're thankful for the ability to work with them and for the investment that their friends have in this place that they want others here too!

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- We pray for improved situations for a number of students and their families:
 - ◇ **Reese & Brooklyn's** mom is having surgery soon. They also pray for family traveling to see them soon.
 - ◇ **Skylar's** mom needs surgery soon. Please pray for her as she continues struggling with some health issues.
 - ◇ **Alex** had a grandparent pass away recently. Please pray for comfort for this family as they mourn this loss.
 - ◇ A number of students indicated issues that they are facing at home: **Jade, Chloe, Corbin, Brandon, & Heather**. Please pray for each student and the situations they are facing.
 - ◇ **Desiree** has been facing some bullying & harassment recently and prays for strength to work through the situation.
 - ◇ Please pray for **Lena** as she is traveling soon.
 - ◇ Please pray for the following students who indicated unspecified prayer requests: **Lena, Jordan, Brett, Josie, & Nate**. Pray for resolution to each situation that these students are facing.
- Please pray for the following students who we have noticed some concerns with recently: **Robert, Angelia, Cam, Cora**. Please pray for each of these students, and we pray that they receive the guidance and support they need during this time.

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 morning and Thursday afternoon. 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. 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 on Sunday, April 15, 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!** 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.

On Saturday, May 5, 2018 Ross Harris and Katelyn Coleman will be united in marriage at Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. May the Lord bless them as they begin this new chapter of their lives! As a blessing from the church family, we will be having a recipe and grocery shower for them on Monday, May 21, 2018. ALL members of the First family are invited! More details coming soon! If you have any questions, please contact Loie Brower (616.772.4868) or Elisa Machiele (616.298.5039).

Today is the last day to drop off donations for the **Harvest Stand Ministries Food and Goods Drive**. 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 check your mailbox for the **May First Focus**.

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.

Thursday, May 3, 2018 is the National Day of Prayer. There will be an event for Zeeland at noon on May 3 at City Hall (21 S. Elm Street, Zeeland, MI 49464) to publically acknowledge this day and call people to prayer.

Next Sunday, May 6 after the morning worship service there will 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 **Sherill Riemersma, Arie Spek** and **Cliff Kragt** a happy birthday. Sherill celebrates her 83rd birthday today, Sunday, April 29. Arie will celebrate his 88th birthday on Tuesday, May 1, and Cliff will celebrate his 90th birthday on Tuesday, May 1. May the Lord bless them on their special days!

Thank You

“Thank you all for your kind words and gifts. I appreciate the support all of you have given me throughout my four years at Adrian College. As I move on, it is very comforting to know that I have a church family at home who is praying for me and thinking of me during these times. Thank you again!” -**Caleb Vander Lugt**

Cory Hyma would like to say thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and well wishes she received. It’s a real blessing to have a wonderful church family!

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.