

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

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Bruce Sturing (18)- President
David Wierda (19)- Clerk
Howard Blacquiere (20)
Jerry Hoeksema (20)

Pastor

Pastor Tom Pettinga

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Josh Wolters (18)
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Sunday, May 20, 2018

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.

Join us for worship!
Morning Worship Service: 10:00 AM
Evening Worship Service: 5:30 PM



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>Hear Our Praises</i> <i>10,000 Reasons</i>	*Songs: <i>My God How Wonderful You Are</i> <i>Trust & Obey</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: <i>Tell Out My Soul</i>	Confession of Faith
Confession & Assurance	Song: <i>O For A Closer Walk With God</i>
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: Back to God Hour
Offering: Ministry Shares	*Song: <i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>
*Song: <i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	Scripture: Jeremiah 2:10-19
*Scripture: Exodus 13:1-16	Message: Abandoning God Doesn't Work
Message: It's Time for the Offering	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>You Cannot Hide From God</i>
*Song: <i>We Are An Offering</i>	*Benediction
*God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>Go Now In Peace</i>
*Departing Song: <i>Shine On Us</i>	

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Laura Taylor, Elisa Machiele, Brandon Taylor
 May 27: Cindy VanDyke, Joe Stevens, Emma Kaptein

Welcome Center-

Today: Bruce Sturing
 May 27: Kathi Michmerhuizen

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– Back to God Hour: Shares the gospel in communities worldwide using the radio, internet and other technologies.

Next Week:

AM– 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.

PM– Combined Worship Service at North Street CRC

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 our morning worship service next Sunday.

Next Sunday, May 27 our evening worship service will be a combined service at North Street CRC beginning at 5:30 PM.

Care and Prayer

Lindsay Van Den Bosch underwent hernia surgery on Thursday, May 10 and everything went well. Continue to pray for him as he recovers. He thanks you for your prayers, cards and concern!

Shirley Klingenberg is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, May 22 at the Holland Hospital to remove her appendix. Please pray for the doctors as they perform the surgery and that she will have a quick and easy recovery.

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Recipe & Grocery Shower

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00 AM Nifty Sixties Breakfast

Thursday

7:00 PM Classis Prayer Service

Friday

Saturday

From the Bridge *(continued)*...

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- A few students mentioned health concerns to pray for:
 - ◇ Skyler's mom recently had an additional surgery to try and fix problems that are not healing. She recently had a feeding tube put in. She has struggled with health issues for much of this year, so continue to pray for her as she faces unexpected complications.
 - ◇ Luis's mom has been facing some significant health issues recently.
- We ask for prayers for Connor, a student who will be spending time with us through the rest of the school year as part of our suspension program. Pray that the time he spends with us here is beneficial and that he transitions into next school year positively after the challenges he has faced this year.
- Please pray for the Horton family, as their daughter Emily unexpectedly passed away this past week. Emily was a student at Zeeland West. Please pray for the school community as they mourn this loss and struggle with each of the students they've lost this year.
- A number of students mentioned needing prayer surrounding some difficult social situations with friends: Jade, Silvia, Addison, Desiree, Jordan, Nathan, and Destinee. Please pray for the students engaged in conflict with one another and for those who are struggling to cope with some previously difficult situations. Please pray for wisdom & patience for each of these students as well.
- Please pray for the following students in need prayers for difficulties they are facing in school or at home: Steffie, Katie, Robert, Heather, Addison, and Adam.

Be Still
AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

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.

The **Calling Elder** for the month of May is Howard Blacquiere, his phone number is 772.9913.

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 and **Jonathan/Bentley Kollen** will be job sharing the janitor's position. For any facility questions, call or text Ed at 616.644.7643.

Please have all articles for the **Summer** (June, July & August) **First Focus** in to the church office by Tuesday, May 29.

Thank You

"I just wanted to thank 1st Church for gifting me with an amazing care package the week before my last finals. I really appreciated all of the gifts that were inside. The last finals week was a bit stressful, but it helped knowing my church was behind me through this gracious gift. Thanks for the various gifts that you all took the time to make and put together." -**Abraham Wierda**

Ken Louwsma says thanks for your cards, calls and prayers, He is slowly improving but still has quite a bit of pain. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Sherill Riemersma would like to say thank you for all the beautiful cards she received for her birthday. She appreciated each of them!

Calendar Notes

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.

As a blessing from the First family, we are hosting a **Recipe and Grocery Shower** for Ross and Katelyn Harris TOMORROW, Monday, May 21, 2018 beginning at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship room. ALL (everyone, men, women, children...everyone!) members of the First family are invited! **If you have not done so yet, please sign up on the table in the back of the sanctuary.** We will have light refreshments and a time of fellowship followed by a time of gift giving to fill the newlywed's pantry and recipe book. Feel free to write your favorite recipe(s) down and give the dry goods for that recipe, or any non-perishable food items/gift cards. If you cannot attend the shower but have a gift you'd like to give to Ross and Katelyn, there's a grocery cart in the back of the Sanctuary for gifts today.

Wednesday, May 23, the **Nifty Sixties** will provide breakfast here at church at 9:00 AM with a hymn sing afterwards. Please come and join us!

This Thursday at 7:00 PM our church is hosting a **Prayer Service for Classis Zeeland**. Join us and other believers from our classis in praying for our churches, our communities, our country.

Mark your Calendars! The Fun Nights at First will be Friday, June 22, Monday, July 16 and Friday, August 10.

Nifty Sixties update for the Amish play "Stolen" and dinner on Friday, September 21. The cost is \$65 per person. We need a final count and payment by Friday, August 10. To sign up, call Rollie at 772.1388.

Community Announcements

Parkview Adult Foster Care Home provides Christian residential care for 12 amazing adults. We offer very competitive wages, and a VERY fun and rewarding work environment!

Relief Family/Relief Houseparents: This family or couple would provide weekend relief. This would be a great opportunity for a couple who would like to make some extra money while having a lot of fun, and making a difference in the lives of the Parkview residents.

Driver: This individual(s) would work from 2:30-5pm (Mon, Tues, Fri). Please apply even if you may be able to cover only 1-2 afternoons a week. You would pick up the residents from their programs, bring them home to Parkview, and pass medications to several of the residents.

If interested, please call Parkview Home at: 616-772-4424, or e-mail Jenn at: admin@parkviewafchome.org.

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- We had our final Bridging Out service project of the year on Monday. 25 students and mentors took part in helping to shovel, move, and spread dirt in garden beds at Benjamin's Hope, a non-profit in Holland that works with individuals with autism. We're thankful for the commitment and positivity everyone exhibited during this project and throughout the year. We pray that students saw the value in giving back to their community and can carry a spirit of service into more aspects of their lives.
- We are grateful for the impact that mentors have recently been able to have at school with Audrey, Kayla, and Shanna.
- A few students have shown some positive changes in their social interactions with others recently: Skyler, Nathan, and Ray. We hope that the extra motivation and positivity they've demonstrated will continue.
- In the midst of a difficult situation with an ill family member, Emma has expressed that the Bridge is a place where she feels that people will listen to her and genuinely engage with her, while she struggles to find other places to express these difficult feelings. At the same time, please pray for the health of her uncle.