

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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Sunday, May 27, 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

Morning Service

Call to Worship

*Songs: *How Great is Our God*

Great & Mighty is the Lord Our God

*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

*Song: *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

The Law of God

Moment for Children

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Ministry Shares

*Song: *The Church's One Foundation*

*Scripture: Exodus 14:1-25

Message: **The First Battle**

Prayer of Commitment

*Song: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

*God's Blessing as We Depart

*Departing Song: *Bless His Holy Name*

Evening Service

Combined Service at North Street CRC

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Cindy VanDyke, Joe Stevens, Emma Kaptein

June 3: Sara Garvelink, Denise VanderLugt, Emma Kaptein

Welcome Center-

Today: Kathi Michmerhuizen

June 3: Howard & Lavonne Blacquiere

There will be an annual Memorial Hymn Sing at South Olive CRC this evening (Sunday, May 27) at 8:00 PM. Jack TenCate will be the song director and special music by Down Home. Singing will be accompanied by piano, organ and brass. An offering be taken for Right to Life.



Care and Prayer

Shirley Klingenberg underwent surgery on Tuesday, May 22 at the Holland Hospital to remove her appendix. She has returned home and is doing well. Continue to pray for her as she recovers.

Angie Vanden Heuvel was released from Spectrum Butterworth after her fall and 5 cracked ribs. Please pray for relief from painful healing.

Gladys Blacquiere had a mild heart attack on Tuesday, May 22. She was admitted to the Zeeland Community Hospital and remains there as of this writing. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Kathryn Gruppen was admitted to the Zeeland Hospital with pneumonia. Pray for her as she fights this illness.

Welcome to First CRC, we are glad you're here!

Pastor Tom Pettinga will lead us in our morning worship service today. This evening, our worship service will be a combined service at North Street CRC beginning at 5:30 PM. Pastor Tom will lead us in both our morning and evening worship services next Sunday, June 3.

Sunday

10:00 AM Morning Service
11:15 AM Sunday School
5:30 PM Combined Service at
North Street CRC

Monday

Memorial Day

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5:30 PM Restorative Circle

Saturday

Calendar Notes

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

Sunday School: The Middle/High School Sunday School class will meet today from 11:15-11:45 AM. The Elementary Sunday School is done for the season.

Over the last twenty years, we have said, “goodbye” to many friends and two pastors. The **Restorative Circle** is meant to help with the understanding of these four questions: 1. What did you think when you realized what was happening? 2. What impact has this had on you and others? 3. What has been the hardest thing for you? 4. What can we learn collectively from this whole experience? This will take place THIS Friday, June 1 in the church fellowship room beginning at 5:30 PM with dinner. Sign up on the board in the back of the Sanctuary. (More information can be found in the Transition Team Update on the back table.)

There will be a **Prayer Meeting** next Sunday, June 3 at 4:45 PM. All are welcome!

Mark your Calendars! The Fun Nights at First will be Friday, June 22, Monday, July 16 and Friday, August 10. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We need a lot of help in many different areas!

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.

Offerings

This 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*

Next Week:

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

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

PM– Harvest Stand Ministries: Monies to support Harvest Stand Ministries (formerly His Harvest Stand), who serve our local community by providing emergency food, clothing, and supporting services to those in need. Located in the old Zeeland Hospital building.

Pastor Tom will be in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the morning. 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 this Tuesday, May 29.

Change to the Directory: Cynthia Kollen, 400 Parkside Drive #213, Zeeland, MI, 49464

Happy Birthday!

This week we wish **Fred Vanden Bosch** and **Harriet Spek** a happy birthday. Fred will celebrate his 91st birthday on Wednesday, May 30. Harriet will celebrate her 87th birthday on Friday, June 1. May the Lord bless them on their special days!

Thank You

Juliann VandenBosch would like to say thank you for the birthday cards and visits she received. She enjoys hearing from the church, it means so much to her!

Thank you so much for adding to the joy of celebrating our 55th wedding anniversary with your beautiful cards and messages of congratulations. We appreciated every one. Our church family is a blessing from the Lord! - **Jerry and Bernice De Koster**

THANK YOU to everyone who helped put on the Recipe and Grocery Shower for Ross and Katelyn Harris. The Harris' were blessed with an abundance of food and recipes to help them as they start their marriage. What a fun way to spoil a newlywed couple of the First family!