

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, May 6, 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: <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i> <i>Be Still for the Presence of the Lord</i>	*Songs: <i>Praise My Soul the King of Heaven</i> <i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God's Greeting
*Song: <i>I Love Your Church, O Lord</i>	Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26, 27, 28
The Law of God	Song: <i>Jesus With Your Church Abide</i>
Moment for Children: Pastor Tom	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: Parkview
Offerings: General Fund & Faith Promise	*Song of Preparation: <i>Speak O Lord</i>
*Song: <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	Scripture: Jeremiah 1:11-19
*Scripture: Exodus 12:1-13, 24-28	Message: God is at Work
Message: The Church Needs the Lord	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>Lead Me Guide Me</i>
*Song: <i>Lamb of God</i>	*Benediction
*God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>Savior Again to Thy Dear Name</i>
*Song: <i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace</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. Next Sunday, May 13 we will welcome **Pastor Robert Timmer** to lead us in our morning and evening worship services.

Pastor Tom will be in the office Monday of this week. He will be on vacation this week Wednesday through next Tuesday. If there's a dire emergency, Pastor Tom will have his cell phone (641.660.2230).

The **Calling Elder** for the month of May is Howard Blacquiere, his phone number is 616.772.9913.

Sunday

10:00 AM Morning Service
Congregational Meeting
4:45 PM Prayer Meeting
5:30 PM Evening Service

Monday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 PM Creative Worship
Team Meeting

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Sonja Garvelink, Anne Kollen, Nathan Kollen
May 13: Marcia Hoeksema, Bentley Kollen, Ethan Kollen

Welcome Center-

Today: Dave & Laurel Bonnema
May 13: Bill & Sally Gruppen

Offerings

This 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.

Next Week:

AM- Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

PM- World Renew: Joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation through community development, disaster response & rehabilitation and peace & justice.

Happy Birthday!

This week we wish **Marvel March, Cynthia Kollen** and **Vieve Mulder** a happy birthday. Marvel will celebrate her 98th birthday on Monday, May 7. Cynthia will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Thursday, May 9. Vieve will celebrate her 85th birthday on Saturday, May 12. May the Lord bless them on their special days!

Care and Prayer

Ken Louwsma fell and fractured his pelvis. He is at home recuperating. Please pray for healing.

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. For any facility questions call or text Ed at 616.644.7643.

After the morning worship service TODAY 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.

As a blessing from the First family, we are hosting a recipe and grocery shower for Ross and Katelyn Harris on Monday, May 21, 2018. ALL (everyone, men, women, children...everyone!) 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).

CORRECTION to the Fun Night flyer in the First Focus. The dates will be Friday, June 22, Monday, July 16 and Friday, August 10.

Thank You

Thank you so very much to all who contributed to the care-package I received! I absolutely loved the words of encouragement from the cards as well as the coffee mug, homemade cookies, and other delicious treats. Thank you as well for your thoughts and prayers over me while I've been at school. I'm so grateful to be a part of such a loving church family. –**Madison VanderLugt**

Calendar Notes

Children in Worship will meet in the church basement following the Moment for Children this morning. This will be the final Children in Worship for the season.

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

Elementary Sunday School will not meet today, the **Middle/High School Sunday School** class will meet today. They will both meet next Sunday, May 13.

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.

The **Creative Worship Team** will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- **Desiree** shared that her uncle has come home from military service for a few months after being MIA. We share in her family's joy at this good news!
- **Brett** wanted to provide a prayer of thanks for his birthday, which happened Friday.
- A few students have demonstrated academic and social growth recently:
 - ◇ **Zach** has made strides in his social skills and is now demonstrating leadership during couch time on a regular basis. He asked for additional prayers regarding the couch time that he will be leading this week.
 - ◇ **Kate** is starting to open up and engage with others when she is here for Drop In.
 - ◇ **Skyler** is passing all of her classes for the first time this year, and her mentor has noticed improvement in her attitude recently after a difficult winter.
 - ◇ **Alyssa** is starting to reach out to other students and attempting to make friends at school after having difficulty previously.
- We are thankful for a recent donation of clothing that was provided to us by an unexpected individual. These clothes were passed out to a few girls in need who were very grateful for the gift they received.
- We had our final Skills for Life trip of the school year this past week. A dozen students were able to participate, and the responses have been very positive. We pray that what the students learned will benefit them as they determine a path for their lives after school.
- A number of volunteers provided praise reports regarding relationships being built with students, particularly **Desiree, Cora, Nathan, Jade, and Maelynn**.

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- Please pray for the family of our staff member **Fred** as they are mourning the unexpected loss of his son-in-law.
- A few students mentioned health concerns to pray for:
 - ◇ **Chloe's** grandma has been facing increasing difficulties recently and asked for prayers for her and the family as they make decisions on how to best care for her.
 - ◇ **Corbin's** mom has been sick recently.
 - ◇ **Heather** may need foot surgery this summer.
- A number of students mentioned needing prayer surrounding some difficult social situations at school or with friends: **Chloe, Emma, Cora, Josie**. Please pray for improved situations for these students as they work through difficulties.
- Please pray for the following students in need of resolution to difficulties in life: **Steffie, Katie, Cora, Silvia, Jade, Izzy, Josie**.