

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

David Wierda (19)- Clerk of Council

Howard Blacquiere (20)- President of Elders

Jerry Hoeksema (20)

Roger Brower (21)- Vice President of Council & Elders

Deacons

Ross Harris (19)- Vice President of Deacons

Bentley Kollen (20)

Bill Machiele (20)- President of Council & Deacons

Pearl Huizenga (21)

Pastor

Pastor Tom Pettinga



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Sunday, September 16, 2018

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

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

Ministry Schedule

Nursery-

Today: Marcia Hoeksema, Cindy VanDyke, Nathan Kollen
 September 23: Jennifer Stevens, Anne Kollen, Brandon Taylor

Welcome Center-

Today: Hero & Glennys Broekhuizen
 September 23: Roger & Loie Brower

Happy Birthday!

This week we wish **Jason Scholten** a happy 85th birthday on Friday, September 21. May the Lord bless him on his special day!

Care and Prayer

Gord Klunder was planning to be discharged from Freedom Innon Friday, September 14 and move back to his daughter's home at 10056 Holiday Drive, Zeeland. Pray for continued healing and gained strength for him.

Katie Lampen, daughter of Bob and Deb Klunder, recently found out she has a brain aneurysm. Remember Katie, her Husband Hoyt, her three small children, and Bob and Deb in your thoughts and prayers as they go forward. Pray also for the doctors and surgeons who are a part of the surgery and care she receives.

We express our sympathies to the **Rich and Peggy Machiele** and family in the passing of Peggy's mother, Anna Mae Sterken. She went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 12 at the age of 90 at the American House in Holland. Her funeral service was held on Friday, September 14 at Lakeshore Memorial. Please pray for comfort and peace for Rich and Peggy, Michelle Kaptein, Dan Machiele, Bill and Elisa Machiele as well as all the great-grandchildren of Anna Mae.

<u>Morning Service</u>	<u>Evening Service</u>
Call to Worship	Call to Worship
*Songs of Praise: <i>Immortal Invisible</i> <i>Shout to the Lord</i>	*Songs: <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> <i>Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah</i>
*God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*Prayer
*Song: <i>Be Still for the Presence</i>	*Song: <i>What a Mighty God We Serve</i>
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: Calvin Theological Seminary
Offering: Ministry Shares	*Song of Preparation: <i>Speak O Lord</i>
*Song: <i>I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart</i>	*Scripture: Exodus 5:20-6:12
*Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-9 & 16-20	Message: The Great Promises of the Lord
Message: God Yearning For His Children	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>Standing on the Promises</i>
*Song: <i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	*Benediction
*God's Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>Savior Again to Thy Dear Name</i>
*Departing Song: <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	
	*Please stand if you're able

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

This morning welcome **Pastor Allen Petroelje**, Pastor of Visitation for Borculo CRC, to lead us in our morning worship service. This evening, **Pastor Bernie Mulder** will lead us in our worship service.

Next Sunday, September 23 **Pastor Tom Pettinga** will lead us in both our morning and evening worship services today.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 AM Morning Service 4:45 PM Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Service		9:00 AM Helping Hands 6:30 PM Council Meeting (Elder & Deacon Meetings to follow)		10:00 AM Coffee Break	8:30 AM Shiphewana Trip	

From the Bridge...

Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- We are all so thankful for a new year, and to have the Bridge as a place to bring people together. It is a joy to see students from last year and all new faces.
- Please pray that we are able to build strong relationships with our new students: **Orlando, Jacob, Destiny, Caleb, Scott, Reid.**
- Thankful for **Jonah's** little sister's birthday
- We are kicking off capital campaign for the month of September to make improvements for our welcome center, kitchen, and bathrooms! For more information, please contact **Jed**. Please pray that the campaign is a success, and that we will have a greater impact on the kids as a result of the changes.
- **Connor** is enjoying his new school, and would like to have a mentor
- **Brett** is going to return to The Bridge for all our programs
- We are thankful to see **Ethan** back here, and his growth

Prayers of Need & Concern:

- Please pray for **Grace** as she transitions back into Zeeland Public.
- Continued prayer for our volunteer **Bruce** as he is battling cancer. We ask for healing and strength as he faces this trial.
- Continued prayer for our board member **Larry** and his family, as his wife was recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. We ask for prayers for the doctors working with them, and that God's peace would be with the family.
- Pray over students' family members with health conditions: **Lena, Alex, Caleb**
- Please pray for our students who are starting at new schools: **Chloe, Ethan and Conner**
- Students and their friends that have strained relationships with teachers: **Harley and Caleb**
- We want to lift up our students who have graduated and are starting new jobs or school, and that they will excel in their next stage. **Joey and Shawn**
- Our Bridge to Excellence program is starting up Oct. 1st, and we need volunteers. Please pray that God sends us some people that are a good fit.

Pastor Tom will be in the office this week 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. He is in Wisconsin this weekend leading worship at First CRC of Ootsburg, as a part of their 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The **Calling Elder** for the month of September is Roger Brower, his phone number is 772.4868.

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.

Intergenerational Sunday School

Our First Sunday is the 30th of September and we're anxious to begin. There are a couple of opportunities for you.

- > First, we need adults, post-high and older to be a part of the group. We want to learn together across the generations. The grade-school aged children need your stories and wisdom and encouragement!
- > Second, we need a number of grandparents to staff a 45 minute nursery if young parents want to be a part of the Sunday School group.
- > Third, we need prayer partners for the children AND the adults and the leaders.
- > And fourth, Pastor Tom needs two people to help him with structuring the study materials. We'll be looking at the passages he'll be preaching on, but we need more than just questions to answer. Ask Tom if you have questions. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for all these opportunities.

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– Calvin Theological Seminary: Monies us to provide theological preparation for contemporary ministry around the world since 1876.

Next Week:

AM– Harvest Stand Ministries: Serving our local community by providing emergency food, clothing, and supporting services to those in need.

PM– 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.

Calendar Notes

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

There will be a **Prayer Meeting** at 4:45 PM today. All are invited!

Helping Hands will meet on Tuesday beginning at 9:00 AM.

There will be a **Council Meeting** on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Attention all women: The **Coffee Break Kick-Off** will take place this Thursday, September 20! We will begin at 10:00 AM in the church fellowship room, and Marcia Steigenga will be speaking. A light brunch will be provided by the Coffee Break leaders. Come join us! If you cannot make it to the kick-off but are interested in Coffee Break, be sure to see Barb Walters or Von Wesseldyke about getting materials for the first lesson.

Important for those who are going to **Shipshewana** on Friday, September 21. Please note the time change because of road construction. We will now be leaving at 8:30 AM from church. Dinner is at 11:00 AM and the play, "Stolen" will begin at 1:00 PM. We will be visiting the Bulk Food Store after the play. If you have any questions please call Rollie at 616.566.6026.

The first **Wednesday Night** for the 2018-2019 will take place on Wednesday, September 26! Supper is served from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church fellowship room. Programs will following from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Classis Zeeland Prayer Meeting: Everyone is invited, especially council members and those who want to be devoted to prayer, to a special prayer meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 PM, at First Christian Reformed Church, Zeeland. We will praise, seek forgiveness, thank and bring our requests to the King of the Church!

Attention all bakers! Saturday, October 6 is the **Pumpkinfest Parade**. The GEMS will once again be selling baked goods and need your help. Cookies, bars, pies, breads, muffins, snack mixes, pop, bottled water, apple cider, packets of hot chocolate and juice boxes are just some ideas. All baked items need to be labeled! Items can be brought in that morning (October 6) by 9:30/10:00 AM to the fellowship room kitchen of the church basement. Thank you for your support!

During the offering last Sunday morning, a video was shown about **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**. The GEMS leaders are excited to get the GEMS girls and the entire congregation involved!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Each week there will be a container in the back of church to collect your donations. See September First Focus for a suggestion list. On October 31 the GEMS and leaders will pack the shoe boxes, pray over each one. They will then be delivered to a drop off station to be delivered world wide! You may include a short note or a picture. The boxes will each have a booklet, THE GREATEST GIFT GOSPEL, inviting the recipients of the box to learn more about Jesus. If you are not a shopper cash donations are appreciated! Each box will cost \$9 to send. checks may be made out to 1st CRC GEMS.

Any questions give GEMS leaders a call. Sonja Garvelink, Marcia Hoeksema, Denise VanderLugt, Cindy VanDyke or Von Wesseldyke would love to talk to you about this special project!

From the PIER...

Friends, God is faithful and loving. We had 3 baptisms on the 25th of August. We had our family picnic out in Lake Odessa and 70 people came to witness the Baptism of Felicia Dunkle, Autumn Hudson, and Paul Hildebrand. Since we celebrate that Jesus came to save sinners, we celebrate that Autumn and Paul, who lived together have decided to walk through the process of learning God's Will in marriage and to be united.

Also please pray for the PIER we are getting ready to expand our leadership and we are praying that God brings the right leadership into position. In the next year our Core Team will undergo a transformation of the next generation of leaders. We are seeking God's Will.

We have taken on a young man, fresh out of seminary, who is currently serving as the 1st African American Bible Teacher at Holland Christian School. He will be preaching 6 times a year at the PIER and seeing where God takes that. We are excited for God to work through Devin Scott!

Please keep the PIER in your prayers, God is working but we are in a war!

Blessings, Wayne Ondersma