



**Ministry Schedule**

**Nursery-**

Today: Jennifer Stevens, Anne Kollen, Brandon Taylor  
 September 30: Joe Stevens, Laura Taylor, Jacob Taylor

**Welcome Center-**

Today: Roger & Loie Brower  
 September 30: Ruth Fineout

**Offerings**

**This 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.

**Next Week:**

**AM– Atlas Ministries:** Serving the community by helping hurting people, equipping the saints and uniting the community in the name of Jesus.

**PM– Lakeshore Pregnancy Center:** Free services for clients with potential pregnancy; also, abstinence education in a Christian-counseled atmosphere.

<b><u>Morning Service</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Service</u></b>
Call to Worship: Children in Worship	Call to Worship
*Songs: <i>Jesus Loves Me</i> <i>Holy God We Praise Your Name</i> <i>Jesus the Light of the World</i>	*Songs: <i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> <i>Blessed Assurance</i>
*God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting	*God’s Greeting
*Song: <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of Light</i>	Apostles Creed
The Law of God: Leviticus 19	*Song: <i>The King is Coming</i>
Moment for Children	Congregational Prayer
Congregational Prayer	Offering: Bethany Christian Service
Offering: Harvest Stand Ministry	*Song of Preparation: <i>Speak O Lord</i>
*Song: <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>	*Scripture: Jeremiah 32:6-27
*Scripture: John 4:1-30	Message: <b>The Promise of the Impossible</b>
Message: <b>Come and See</b>	Prayer of Response
Prayer of Commitment	*Song: <i>Trust and Obey</i>
*Song: <i>Jesus the Very Thought of Thee</i>	*Benediction
*God’s Blessing as We Depart	*Song: <i>God Be With You Till We Meet Again</i>
*Departing Song: <i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	*Please stand if you’re able

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, September 30.

**Care and Prayer**

**Gord Klunder** was discharged from Freedom Inn on Friday, September 14. He moved 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Service <b>5:30 PM</b> Evening Service	<b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting		<b>5:30 PM</b> Dinner <b>6:30 PM</b> GEMS, Cadets, Adult Class & Breakout	<b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Break <b>7:00 PM</b> Classis Zeeland Prayer Meeting		

## From the Bridge...

### Prayers of Thanks & Praise:

- Prayer of praise that one of our new students, Jacob brought a friend and gave him a tour of the building
- Prayer of praise that we have been having around 20 kids stay for couch time
- Norma is thankful for the experience of working with these kids and the joy that comes from it.
- Our capital campaign is running 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.
- We are so blessed by the many returning mentors to Bridge to Excellence!
- We are so thankful that Jonas is connecting with mentors
- We are thankful for the donors who are excited about the building improvements!
- Prayer of praise that Jared and Triston have a house, and their family is stable and healing.
- We are thankful that Kora is building relationships, and she asks for that to continue.
- Lena is thankful for her mom's new car, and her parent's trip to Hawaii
- Brett had a great trip with his dad to Detroit.

### Prayers of Need & Concern:

- Please ask that Pearl's physical therapy is effective, and for relief from pain
- 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 Pat's cancer is moving quickly. We ask that God's peace would be with the family.
- Pray over students' friends and family members with health conditions: Nate, Alex, Caleb, Silvia
- Ask for healing, support, and safety for those who have experienced the damage of hurricane Florence
- Harley would ask for more focus, and the will to avoid being distracted.

**Pastor Tom** will be in the office this week 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](mailto:tdpettinga4@gmail.com).

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.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We are so excited with the response so far with Operation Christmas Child!! Thank you!! Thank you!! For the next few weeks we will share a video from a shoe box recipient. It is amazing to see the impact of a shoe box. We have set a goal of sending out 100 shoe boxes! Last week there was an insert in your mail box with a list of acceptable items. If you have any questions please contact any of the GEMS leaders. In just a short week our GEMS will return, we look forward to sharing with them the shoe box stories.

Our **food ministry** is getting low on supplies. If you can help replenish the shelves with food, you may drop off the food in the pantry, on the table or in the shopping cart. The items needed are: soup, pineapple, veggies, jam, cake mix/frosting, pancake syrup, ketchup, jello, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap and laundry soap. We do not need peanut butter or cereal at this time. Thank you for continuing to bless this ministry!

After the morning service today we have the opportunity to celebrate **Pastor Bernie Mulder's 60th anniversary** of his ordination into ministry. What a blessing he has been to our congregation and the congregations of so many other churches as well! Join us in the fellowship room immediately following the morning service for cake and refreshments and a time to celebrate together.

## Calendar Notes

There will be a **Staff Meeting** on Monday at 9:00 AM.

The first **Wednesday Night** for the 2018-2019 will take place THIS Wednesday, September 26! Supper is served from 5:30-6:30 PM in the church fellowship room. This week we will have Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cauliflower Casserole, Corn, Rolls, Applesauce and Dessert. Join us for this great meal! Programs will follow from 6:30-8:00 PM.

BE A BLESSING 2 Corinthians 9:8

It's hard to believe that another year of **GEMS** is about to start!! Where did summer go?? After a great conference this summer the leaders are ready to kickoff another year studying the theme BE A BLESSING from 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Our first meeting will be on September 26 at Dutch Treat Campgrounds (way in the back) with a campfire, hot dogs, s'mores and games. We are asking the parents to drop off girls at 6:00 and pick them up at 8. We are hoping to see more new faces! If anyone knows a young girl grades 1-6, please invite them to check us out. Any questions give a call to Cindy, Marcia, Denise or Von. We would love to hear from you!

**Coffee Break** will meet on Thursday beginning at 10:00 AM. If you missed the kick-off last week but plan to attend, the books can be found on the bookshelf in the chapel. The title is *Peter: The Making of a Disciple*.

**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!

## Thank You

**Kathryn Gruppen** would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls she received for her birthday. She appreciated them all, and they made her birthday special!

Thank you from the **Machiele family** for all of the cards and kind words expressed in the passing of Peggy's mother, Anna Mae. The comfort and condolences were very meaningful in a difficult time.

## 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.

## Happy Birthday

This week we wish **Shirley Scholten** and **Marv Tubergen** a happy birthday. Shirley will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Wednesday, September 26 and Marv will celebrate his 90th birthday on Wednesday, September 26.