

**AM Message: True Repentance**

**Scripture: Exodus 9: 13-35**

**Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers**

**PM Message: Seeking Help**

**Scripture: Psalm 35:1-3; 23, 24**

**Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers**

Sermon Notes

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## *Welcome*

Welcome to First CRC. We are so glad you're here!

If you have children 3 months through 3 years old, you can safely entrust them to our nursery workers, who will care for them during the service. The nursery is located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

Restrooms are located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

After the service, please join us for refreshments which are located in the room just off the Sanctuary.

## Offerings

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

**PM— Reframe Ministry:** Shares the gospel in communities worldwide using the radio, internet and other technologies.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for August, his phone number is 616.953.0679.

*In Loving Memory of  
Dennis VandenHeuvel  
March 3, 1925—  
August 5, 2022*

We express our sympathies to Angie VandenHeuvel, as well as the entire VandenHeuvel family, in the passing of Dennis. He went to his heavenly home on Friday, August 5, at the age of 97. A funeral service was held this past Wednesday at our church. May the God of comfort be with Angie and their family.

## Community Announcements

**Blood Drive** | Blood Drive at Bethel Church on Friday, September 2 from 11:00am-3:45pm. Click the link to schedule an appointment! Bethel is located at 515 E. Main Avenue in Zeeland.

## Calendar Notes

**Council** will meet Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**Prayer Meeting** | Each week members from First Church are invited to come to and pray together at 11:00AM on Thursday. All are welcome. Meet at the office.

**Celebration Dinner** | Celebration Dinner for Pastor Bernie and Vieve will be on Wednesday, the 17th, at 6:00. Dinner will start at 6:00 in the BRIDGE gym, followed by a short program with Marcia Seinen.

**Family Fun Night** | There will be a Bounce House Kick Off on Thursday, August 25, from 6-8 PM. Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Crafts and More!

**Coffee Break** | Advanced Notice! On Thursday morning, September 23, Dar Pettinga will be coming to our church to talk to our Coffee Break ladies on "One Day at a time-Finding hope, healing, and joy on the journey to wellness." We would like to open it up to other ladies of the church so others can hear her too. More info to follow!

## Calendar Notes, cont...

**Blessing of the Buses** | You are invited to pray over the school buses on Sunday, September 11th at noon. We will gather with members of Bethel CRC and Third CRC to have a simple lunch, and a short time of fellowship before we get into groups and pray for a new school year.

**No Evening Service** | There will be no evening service on Sunday, September 4.

**Out of Office** | Lisa will be out of the office Monday. Please email or leave a message if you need anything.

## Thank You

I want to Thank you for your Prayers, the Get Well cards, offers of help with any needs in the last 2 months, and most recently for remembering me in the passing of my brother Gary Raterink on July 16, from Grand Rapids. Thanks for being a Caring Church. **Lorraine Becksfort**

Thank you very much for your prayers for me and my team as we served at Standing Rock Native American Reservation last week. Praise the Lord for safety, good health, and that 7 youth committed their lives to Christ! YEAH! May God be glorified and may He fill these youth with His love and peace!  
**Janice Mulder**