

**AM Message: A Kingdom Divided  
Cannot Stand**

Scripture: Matthew 12:22-37

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

**PM Message: A Common Misunder-  
standing**

Scripture: Psalm 38

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— Ministry Shares:** Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses.

**PM— Solid Rock:** Aid to people who are facing financial difficulties or who are experiencing physical limitations by providing necessary, standard of living repairs to keep their homes safe, healthy, and secure.

## Calendar Notes

**Helping Hands** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 9 AM.

**Council** will meet Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**Wednesday Night Dinner** | Our first church dinner will be this Wednesday, September 21, starting at 5:30. We're having hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, chips and ice cream. Come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

**GEMS/CADETS** | Gems/Cadets will meet Weds., Sept. 21, from 6:30-8 PM. See leaders for more info.

**Coffee Break** | One last call for other ladies of the church who would like to come to Coffee Break Kick-off as a guest. All are invited Thursday morning from 10-11:15 AM. Please sign the sheet in the back of church TODAY. We will have a light breakfast and then Dar Pettinga will be talking about "Joy in the journey of life." This fits in beautifully with our first study of this year on Job, which will start on Sept. 29 at 10 AM. If anyone wants to join for the first lesson on Sept. 29 but can't be there on Sept. 22, ask Pearl, Marcia S., Von, or Denise for our first book.

## Church Announcements

**2023 Budget** | The Finance Team will be reviewing the 2023 Budget in the near future. Any group or organization of church that would like their budget amount reviewed, please contact Bentley Kollen or Lavonne Blacquiére. Some groups already have done this but for those of you that have not, please contact us within the next couple weeks. Thanks.

**Library Volunteer** | If anyone wishes to volunteer on Sunday mornings in the church library please contact Larry Wildschut at 616-748-1772. This would only be necessary for certain weeks in which we are in need of help.

**Library Materials Overdue** | There are still some materials which have not been returned to the church library. The DVD of Ray Vander Laan That the World May Know Vol. 2 is long overdue. It is important to return these borrowed items so that other people can use them. There are also a number of books that have not been returned. Please return these items to the church library as soon as possible.

**First Focus** | Please have First Focus materials turned in to Lisa by Weds., Sept. 21.

**Noisy Collection** | There will be a Noisy Collection on October 16. More details to follow!

## Church Ann. Cont...

**Directory Update** | First CRC is updating our directory. Please get your picture taken after the morning worship service over the next few weeks. Also, please fill out a directory sheet to ensure that information is up to date.

**Coffee Area** | The coffee area has been moved temporarily. The Facility Refresh Team is trying this to see if this helps with congestion in the elevator room. This is on a trial basis at this time.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for September, his phone number is 616.212.5386.

## Birthdays

We would like to wish Jason Scholten a very happy 89th birthday on Weds., September 21! May his special day be great!!

## Community Announcements

**Zeeland Civic Chorus** | Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will begin rehearsing for Handel's *Messiah* every Sunday at 2:15-3:45 from October 9--November 27 at First PRC of Holland. Final rehearsals will be November 27 and December 5 at 7:00 pm. Performances will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 7. Please join us in singing God's praise together. Invite your friends!