

AM Message: **Kindness Costs Us
Nothing**

Scripture: Gal. 5:22, Eph. 4:32, Prov.
11:17, Col. 3:12

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

Sermon Notes

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

General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Special Collection-Parkview: Monies to support Parkview Adult Foster Care Home in Zeeland.

Church Announcements

Member of the Week | First Church will be having a Member of the Week listed in the bulletin each week. The person will be a shut-in or someone not able to attend worship regularly. Members of the congregation are encouraged to send a card or note, call them, or visit them. We want them to feel connected to First CRC. Our Member of the Week this week is **Robert and David Wittingen**.

First Focus | The last issue of First Focus combined July/August so there will be no First Focus for the month of August.

Member of the Week: We are taking a few weeks off from listing a member of the week. This will resume again in the fall. If you know of someone who should be added to the list or if you do not want your name on the list, please contact one of the deacons. Until we resume, take some time to connect with someone you missed contacting or anyone else in the church that you have not been in touch with recently.

Care and Prayer

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

Church Calendar

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

IT'S COMING SOON!! BOUNCE HOUSE FUN NIGHT! **AUGUST 24, 5:45-8:15**

Come on out to support, invite families to First!! Help us promote our GEMS, CADETS and Compass Kids Programs! There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. If you are able to help out for only an hour we will take you! We even have sit down jobs if needed!! GEMS leaders will have a craft table!! Cadets have the dunk tank!! Compass Kids will have carnival games!! The action will take place in the grass on the corner of Church and Main!! Any questions ask Jerry or Marcia, Gord or Cindy.

Thank You

What a blessing to receive the cards as a shut in and assurance of the prayers from the family of God in First Church. THANK YOU so much. Psalm 71:17, 18 "Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." **Angie Vanden Heuvel**

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | The Keys of the Kingdom include a double edged sword. Find out how the Kingdom is opened and closed this week as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.org.

Calvinist Cadet Corps Annual Sporting Clay Shoot | The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its 9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 1, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available on our website: www.calvinistcadets.org. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the event, but still want to be involved, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on giving, contact Kim at the Corps office number listed above, or find information on our website on the event page.

Zutphen Car & Tractor Show | Invite everyone you know to the annual Zutphen Car and Tractor show THIS Saturday, August 5, 2:00-7:00 pm! (3223 40th Ave. Hudsonville, MI) Bring the whole family to enjoy a free community event of games, bounce houses, a petting zoo from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, cool cars, and beautiful tractors! Free Pig roast beginning at 3:30 pm with all the sides and drinks will be available! Donations will be taken for the Lynn Kamps family. Come rain or shine!