

Message: You Belong Here

Scripture: John 4: 1-26

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

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.

Sermon Notes

Offerings

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

Special Offering— K-12 Christian Education: Monies to support local Christian schools.

Church Announcements

OPEN INVITATION! It's all set for Tuesday at 9:00 at Arrows, formerly Rainbow Grill. For those who want to carpool, let's meet in the church parking lot at 8:45. Questions, call Marcia at 616-566-8284.

Town Hall Meeting | Today, following the worship service. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions of the Council, and for the Council to give an update on where we are at. If you have questions that you would like to submit beforehand, please give a signed note to David Wierda, Lavonne Blacchiere, or Howard Hoeksema.

New Library Books | *Birds of Michigan* by Ted Black and Gregory Kennedy. This book contains information about 320 species of the most abundant and notable birds in Michigan. *A Year With C. S. Lewis : Daily Readings from His Classic Works.*

Praise Team | Advanced notice- If you sing on a praise team, please reserve Sat. morning, October 14, at 10 AM for an hour or so-more details to follow.

Properties Team | The Properties Team has moved it's meeting to the Bridge couch room. Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7PM. The meetings are open to church members.

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GEMS Baked Goods Sale | Gems will be selling baked goods at the Pumpkinfest Parade on October 7. We are asking for help with baked items or other items such as hot chocolate packets, water bottles, apple cider, ring pops or candy bars or packets of candy.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for September. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | We hear it everywhere: TV, videos, co-workers, neighbors and more, taking God's name in vain without even noticing. Be reminded this week as we read the Bible together why this is so wrong and how you can properly use God's name instead. Join us every weekday at UnfadingTruth.org.

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 Oct. 8-Nov. 26 at First PRC of Holland. Final rehearsals will be Nov. 28 and Dec. 4 at 7:00 PM. Performances will be at 7:00 PM on Thurs., Nov. 30 and Tues., Dec. 5. Please join us in singing God's praises together. Invite your friends!

Church Calendar

Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Wednesday Night dinner | Our first dinner is this week Wednesday, September 20, at 5:30. We're having hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips and ice cream. Come and enjoy some food and fellowship!

GEMS/CADETS | Gems/Cadets will be meeting Weds. after the meal.

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.

Helping Hands' first meeting this fall will be in October, not September.

Coffee Break | The kick-off for Coffee Break is Thurs., Sept. 21, from 10-11:15 AM. Tom Pettinga will be talking to us about "Grief School—A Lot to Learn about Loss." All women of First Church are invited and if you have a friend or neighbor that you would like to invite, feel welcome. Our first lesson studying the Parables will be on September 28. If anyone knows they can't be here on Sept. 21 or 28, please see Von for a book. We'd love to see new members along with the "regulars".