

**Message: What do I have to Lose?**

**Scripture: Romans 8: 1-17; Ephesians 4:31&32**

**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

**General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

**Special Collection—Calvin Theological Seminary:** Monies to provide theological preparation for contemporary ministry around the world since 1876.

## Church Announcements

**Operation Christmas Child** | The GEMS and Cadets are looking for your help again this year with Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to be more thoughtful and intentional with each box we pack. We have decided that every GEM girl and Cadet boy along with their leaders will each pack two boxes. We have asked the Gems and Cadet families to supply one or both of the WOW gifts. Here's how you can help:

1. Pray for our GEMS and Cadets as they pack these boxes, and for the children and families who will receive them.
2. Donate money for shipping and other supplies.
3. Purchase items from the flyer in the back of church.
4. Take a brochure and pack your own box.

Visit the Operation Christmas Child table or ask a GEM leader for more information. Thank you!

**Pledge Cards** | Today is the last day to turn your Faith Promise pledges in. Any questions, call VanDykes or J. Hoeksema.

**Member of the Week** | First Church will be having a Member of the Week. The person may be a shut-in or someone who is not able to attend Church 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 our church family. Our member of the week this week is **Corajeane Hyma**.

**Town Hall Meeting** | November 5th following morning worship. If you have questions you would like to ask of the Council, please submit them to a Council member.

## Church Ann. Cont...

**Conquerors Strength Team** | The congregation is invited to join the Cadets, GEMS and their parents for a presentation by The Conquerors Strength Team. The Conquerors are a team of athletes that use demonstrations of strength to **engage** with communities, **encourage** the hopeless and **empower** individuals to Conquer life's challenges. Come join the Cadets and GEMS as they welcome Mike Gruppen and his team. The program will run from 6:30 - 7:45 on Weds., Nov. 1.

**Pastor Appreciation Cake** | Today, we will be having cake after the morning service to celebrate Pastor Appreciation month. This will be served in the Fellowship Room. Please stay to enjoy a piece of cake and visit with others.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | You're constantly bombarded by lies & misinformation. Learn to both recognize and speak the truth as we read the Bible together this week at UnfadingTruth.org.

**Life of John Calvin Presentation** | "After Dark: The Life and Times of John Calvin" is a dramatic enactment of the life of John Calvin, a part of the heritage of everyone who loves the Reformed faith. The presenter is Rev. Stan Sturing who first gave this at the International Calvin Congress in Grand Rapids. This presentation will be at Holland Christian High School October 29, 30, and 31 at 4:30 pm with cider and donut holes on "Main Street." Donations appreciated, students are free. Flyers with the information are on the back table.

## Community Announcements

**Weds. Night Dinner** | Wednesday, November 1, 5:30, is our next dinner. Our menu is Creamed Chicken, BBQ, sweet pea salad, applesauce, chips and dessert. Hope to see you there! Anyone willing to make a dessert for Weds. night dinner please call Phyllis 616-566-7566.

**Gems and Cadets** will meet from 6:15 -8 PM on Weds. evening.

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Nov. 2, from 10-11:15 AM.

The congregation is invited to witness the wedding ceremony of **Madison VanderLugt and Hunter Bachman** on Friday, Nov. 3, at 4:30 PM, here at church.

There will be a **Veteran's Day Memorial** with the Zeeland Community Band held in the Bridge on Nov. 11 from 3-4 PM.

## Birthdays

We would like to wish **Roger Steigenga** a very happy 83rd birthday today! May his special day be great!

## Care and Prayer

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

**Bernice DeKoster** fell at home this past Tuesday and broke her ankle. Thank you for prayers for healing and safety during her recovery.