

Message: Muscles of Mercy
Scripture: Romans 14: 10-13; Matt. 7: 3-5; Eph. 2: 1-4; Titus 3: 3-7
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

Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Special Collection—Wings of Mercy: Nonprofit organization that seeks to honor God by serving and sustaining life for those in medical need and with limited financial resources. Connects patients with volunteer pilots to provide 100% free long distance medical flights to and from medical destinations.

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!

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 **John Rietsma**.

Thanksgiving Day Service/Blessings | Church will be at 9:30 AM on Thanksgiving Day. There will be an opportunity for people to share blessings from the past year. A microphone will be passed for those who would like to share.

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COME AND JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST! Let's try out the Gateway Spoon on 24th and US31 (where Dennys used to be). The Spoon partners with the Gateway Mission and Creative Dining Concepts, offering Gateway Mission participants the opportunity to gain hands on, onsite training. We can meet at the Spoon on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 9:00**. There is a sign up sheet in the back so we can get an estimate of how many are going. Any questions, ask Marcia Hoeksema.

Mission Emphasis | With thankfulness to God for the generosity of First CRC, the mission emphasis team announces the pledge for 2023-24 of \$12,540. If you have not turned in your pledge, you can still do so. We plan to continue to support Jan Mulder, Matt Beukeema, Steve Michmerhuizen and The Bridge

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

Harvest Stand | Our church will be collecting food and other items for Harvest Stand. A list will be available soon of items they need the most. Any questions, contact one of the deacons.

80 and Over Birthdays | It's recently been made aware there are some members over 80 who haven't been included in the birthday wishes. If you're over 80, please send your birthday information to Lisa so she can include your birthday in the bulletin for 2024 and going forward. Thank you!

Church Calendar

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Nov. 9, from 10-11:15 AM.

Community Announcements

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

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.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Dorris Rietsma** a very happy 89th birthday on Monday, November 6! May her special day be great!

We would like to wish **Gayle Evenhuis** a very happy 90th birthday on Weds., Nov. 8! May she have a very blessed day!

Care and Prayer

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

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and support after my recent injury! They were such an encouragement. My leg is healing and I'm starting to get around more easily. **Carol VanDenBosch**