

Message: Lord of Might

**Scripture: Exodus 19:16-19; Mat-
thew 20:25-28**

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 Collection– Wycliffe Bible Translators: Monies to help every one of God's children have access to God's word in a language they can understand.

Church Announcements

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 **June Vanden Heuvel**.

Budget Boxes | Budget boxes for 2024 are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Christmas Cards for Shut-ins | Today is the last day we will be collecting Christmas cards for shut-ins. They will be delivered during the week so they will have the cards before Christmas.

Collections for 2023 | The last day for the collections to be counted for 2023 is Sunday December 31, 2023. Thank you.

*In Loving Memory of
Carla Beukema*

We express our sympathies to the family and friends of Carla. She went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the age of 63. Surround all of Carla's loved ones with prayers of comfort and peace.

Church Calendar

Helping Hands will meet on Tuesday, December 19, at 9:00 AM.

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

Gems/Cadets will meet Weds., Dec. 20, from 6:15-8 PM. There will be no dinner beforehand.

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.

No **Coffee Break** this week.

Christmas Eve Potluck | Following morning worship on December 24th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11am-1pm. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up sheet on the back table.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Jesus doesn't teach us to ask our Father for our regular needs every now and then. He commands us *each day* to pray for our *daily* needs. Learn why and how as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.org.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for December. His phone number is 616.836.8054. If you cannot reach him by phone, please email him.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Wayne Wildschut** a very happy 83rd birthday on Weds., Dec. 20! May his special day be great!

We would like to wish **Henkie Beukema** a very happy 84th birthday on Thurs., Dec. 21! May her special day be blessed!

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and cards I received. What a blessing!
Sally Smith