

**Message: Fear Less**

**Scripture: Exodus 14: 1-22**

**Preaching: Pastor Tom Pettinga**

## *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 back of the Sanctuary.

## Offerings

**Building Fund:** Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

**Special Offering– Positive Options/Lakeshore Pregnancy:** Vision to build a vibrant community where every life is valued, loved, protected, and transformed because of the gospel of Jesus.

### Sermon Notes

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## Church Announcements

**BOUNCE HOUSE FUN NIGHT!** Keep Thursday evening, July 25, open! We are providing bounce houses, crafts, games and possible dunk tank to our community kids!

We will need help with "supervisors", craft helpers, sno cone, cotton candy, popcorn makers and people to mingle with others in our community. We plan on continuing GEMS and Cadets this coming fall and beyond if this is where God is leading us! PLEASE help support this outreach event! There will be a sign up sheet in the back in the next couple weeks!

**GEMS COUNSELORS CONVENTION** | Please remember the GEMS leaders this week as they attend the **SISTERHOOD SUMMIT** this week, July 18-20, in the Chicagoland area! This is the first in-person since covid! We are excited to meet other "sisters" working with girls, compare notes, get ideas for next year, meet the new executive Director, Wendy Hammond, who is taking over for Cindy Bultema. We will also get introduced to the new theme for the coming year, **TRANSFORMED! ALL 7** leaders, Sara Garvelink, Sonja Garvelink, Marcia Hoeksema, Denise VanderLugt, Cindy VanDyke, Von Wessledyke and Angie Willis are planning on attending. Pray for safety and an inspiring conference!

## Church Calendar

**Council** will meet Tuesday, July 16, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**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.

## Care and Prayer

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

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | Grace brings you confidence, freeing your conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God's approach. Experience this grace each weekday as we read the Bible together at [UnfadingTruth.org](http://UnfadingTruth.org).

**ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting their tenth annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the ministry of Cadets. The event will be held on Saturday, August 17, at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616, or check out the Cadet website under the "events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration information is available at our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the event but still want to be involved, we are looking for people willing to sponsor stations or support our meal. For more information on these giving opportunities, contact the corps office or click on the sponsorship link on the event page.

Join **The Choral Ambassadors** for their summer concerts entitled *Crown Him Lord!* The concerts will explore the truth that Jesus is King and reigning today. The concerts will take place at the following: Rusk CRC tonight at 7 PM, Cornerstone URC on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and Dutton URC on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there!