

Message: The Wrong Priorities

Scripture: Haggai 1: 1-15a

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 back of the Sanctuary.

Offerings

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

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

Sermon Notes

Church Announcements

Coffee Break | Coffee Break will be starting up again on Thursday, September 26, at 10-11:15 AM. We will start right in with lesson 1 in the book John. (There will be no kick-off the week before.) There are books on the front bench today if you would like to take one but please sign your name on the paper so we can bring books to those who are gone.

We welcome **Sheri Bennink** as accompanist for us this morning.

Mission Update | **Steve and Jan Michmerhuizen** will be giving an update during the service on October 6. Stick around for coffee after the service if you would like to catch up with them.

Thank You

Thank you for the overwhelming expressions of sympathy in the loss of our brother and daughter.
Jason and Barb Walters

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.

Church Calendar

Congregational Meeting | The Next Steps team is excited to share what they have been working on with the congregation and hear your questions, this morning following the service.

Helping Hands will meet Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00 AM.

Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Weds. Night Dinner | Our first dinner is this week Wednesday, September 18, 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.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Church membership isn't easy. You're *obligated* to submit to its instruction & discipline, take on Christ's yoke and work hard, and serve and build one another up. Be reminded of your calling each day as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.com.

Grant Me Hope's Family FUNfest | You are invited to Grant Me Hope's 9th Annual Family FUNfest, noon-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Nelis' Dutch Village and Holland Town Center. This great family-friendly event happens every year in September thanks to the generosity of Nelis' Dutch Village! The park opens its gate to the community to help us provide an inexpensive day of fun for families. Grant Me Hope purposely invites foster and adoptive children and families so they especially can enjoy the Holland area's only theme park without worrying about the cost. The event includes a picnic lunch for all guests, a semi-truck show, and custom car & motorcycle show with awards. We hope to see you there!

In Loving Memory of

Lois Dykens

May 1, 1940—September 9, 2024

We express our sympathies to Bill, Brent, and the entire Dykens family in the passing of Lois. She went to be with the Lord on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at the age of 84. A funeral service was held this past Friday, Sept. 13, at Lakeshore Memorial Services. Surround all of Lois' loved ones with prayers of comfort and peace.