

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness
May 14, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*** Please stand if you are able.**

** Most of the service this morning will proceed unannounced

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
Led by Pastor John Knoester

Prelude: Marjo Rouw (Piano) & Sylvia Van Zanten (Organ)

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #575:1-4 **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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* Words of Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 136:1-4 and Psalm 78:4

Leader: Today we celebrate the 75th anniversary
of Mount Vernon First Christian Reformed Church.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.**

Leader: For 75 years God's Word has been proclaimed and the
sacraments have been celebrated here in this place.

**People: Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.**

Leader: Many children, parents, and grandparents have been a part of this congregation.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
His love endures forever.**

Leader: Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered in this place. Countless witnesses have gone forth from this congregation to spread the gospel near and far.

**People: To him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.**

Leader: All of our activities, all of our sacraments, and all of our doxologies, we offer up in praise to God.

People: We will tell the next generation the praise worthy deeds of the Lord.

Leader: With thanksgiving for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future, we celebrate this anniversary.

**People: We will tell the next generation his power,
and the wonders he has done.**

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #246:1-3,5 ***“God Is Here”***

1. God is here! As we, your people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of your Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the Word has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

5. In this time of celebration
we would offer special praise.
As we think of past and future,
vow anew to walk your ways.
Times of triumph, times of failure—
still this song keeps ringing through:
Lord, your works cannot be numbered,
Lord, our church belongs to you.

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* An Invitation to Praise: Psalm 150

Reader #1: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Reader #2: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Reader #3: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Reader #1: Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute.

Reader #2: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with surrounding cymbals.

Reader #3: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

* Song of Praise: LUYH #7:1-4 ***"Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace"***

1. Sing praise to the Lord, you people of grace;
fill heaven with the songs that sound from this place;
since you are God's servants and meet in his name,
his wonders declare and his glory proclaim.

Refrain

*Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!
Halle! Hallelujah! Halle! Halle! Hallelujah!*

2. His greatness exceeds what words can explain,
and his is the power no force can restrain;
with fanfares of horns and crescendos of strings
raise anthems to honor the King of all kings.

Refrain

3. Where music is made, let rhythms abound:
let cymbals and drums add weight to the sound;
with dance that is graceful and words that are clear,
bring joy to the God you adore and revere.

Refrain

4. Yield all that you are to worship the Lord—
see life as a psalm, each moment a chord;
let harmonies flourish and melodies soar—
let all that has breath praise the Lord evermore.

Refrain

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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Led by Pastor Arie Poot

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a congregation, to you to become part of your church.

People: Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to your voice and were obedient to your call to organize this congregation for your purpose.

Leader: Help us to teach our young your ways and their history, so that they will know who you are and who they can be.

People: Inspire us with a vision for the future and use that vision to direct the path of this congregation.

Leader: Help us to lean not on our own understanding, but to lean on every promise of your Word.

People: Grant us the authority to conquer all divisiveness, and fill us with a desire to love one another.

Leader: Lord, please hide us in your bosom and protect us from all evil and the wiles of those spirits that seek to destroy the peace you have given us.

People: May your spirit continue to infuse our church with courage, hope, and grace.

Leader: Teach us to know your voice and give us the courage to obey it.

People: Lord, please continue to provide your Church with a light for the world.

Leader: God, we've gathered in this place to acknowledge that we did not choose You, but You chose us, and appointed us, to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.

People: We praise You for choosing us and calling us out of darkness into Your wonderful light.

Leader: You have searched us and You know us, yet You continue to love and use us.

People: Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Leader: As we reflect upon the work You have done through us, help us never to forget the message, mission, and work to which you have called us.

People: You are the vine and we are the branches, apart from You, we have no work of our own.

Leader: As we move forward in this ministry, we recommit ourselves to the principles of Your Word – to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul.

People: To love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Leader: To feed the hungry and to clothe the naked.

People: To work for justice on behalf of those whose voices are not heard.

All: For this is how our God is glorified, that we bear much fruit, showing ourselves to be His disciples. Amen.

Hymn of Response: LUYH #370:1-3 **"My Soul Finds Rest"**

Solo

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

All Sing

2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

All Sing

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am his forever.

Refrain

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*During the chorus of the last verse those reading
the Ten Commandments are invited forward.*

God's Will for Our Lives: The Ten Commandments

(Each commandment is read by a member representing the various generations of First CRC. The first reader is in their 90's, the second reader is in their 80's, the 3rd reader in their 70's, etc.)

Pastor: Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord
speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know
his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

People: **Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and
give us life by your Word.**

Reader #1: Read by Marjean De Groot

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying:
I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

People: We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

Reader #2: Read by Les Faber

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

**People: Living no more in bondage to earthly gods,
we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.**

Reader #3: Read by Marinus Rouw

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**People: We will use the holy name of God with reverence,
praising him in everything we do and say.**

Reader #4: Read by Hank Van Zanten

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy,
for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

People: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader #5: Read by Kevin Kok

You shall honor your father and mother,
that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

**People: As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord;
as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the
training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful
authorities appointed by God.**

Reader #6: Read by Jill Klunder

You shall not murder.

**People: We will be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

Reader #7: Read by Heather Van Hofwegen

You shall not commit adultery.

**People: We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable,
and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

Reader #8: Read by Michelle Kuipers

You shall not steal.

**People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good,
and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.**

Reader #9: Read by Juliana LeClair

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love,
render judgments that are true and make for peace,
and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

Reader #10: Read by Francesca Bill

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
We must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**People: We will be content whatever the circumstances
through the strength of Christ within us.
For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

Words of Assurance: Read by Pastor Arie Poot

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much
more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!" ...
Romans 5:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –
and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8

* Song of Response: LUYH #691:1-5 ***"Amazing Grace"***

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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*During the singing of the last verse the children are
invited to come forward and participate in the Bell Choir.*

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Led by Pastor Brad Vos

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Children's Bell Choir

*Following the conclusion of the offertory children ages 3-first grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Led by Pastor Brad Vos

* Preparation Litany:

Leader: God spoke to create out of nothing.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God spoke through the voice of the prophets
like Micah calling us to do justice, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with our God.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God spoke through the living Word of Jesus
proclaiming, "You shall love the Lord your God ...
And you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God spoke through the letters of Paul who wrote,
"There is nothing in death or life, in
the world as it is, or in the world as it shall be,
nothing in all creation that is able to separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God spoke through Calvin and Luther and others
whose hearts blazed with reformer's fire.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God spoke when this church first organized in 1942.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God continues to be faithful to us today and
also promises to be faithful in the years ahead.

People: God is still speaking.

Leader: God has spoken to His people in years gone and continues
to speak to us today. Let us therefore respond to Him in faithful obedience!

* Sung Prayer of Illumination: LUYH #844:1,2,3,5 **"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"**

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.

Sing acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Led by Pastor Michael Kooy

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-12 (pg. 1201) Read by Jill Stevens

Message: ***“Building God’s House”*** - Pastor Michael Kooy

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: LUYH #519:1-4

“God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises” (Tune: LUYH #286)

1. God, we sing your glorious praises
as we tell your awesome deeds;
you have fashioned all creation,
and you meet each creature’s needs.
We rejoice in how your people
tasted your great faithfulness;
graced through every generation,
we your mighty acts profess.
2. We remember, God, your covenant,
which extends from heaven to earth;
how Christ’s death and resurrection
conquers sin, renews our birth.
Thank you for this gospel message,
which inspires your church to preach
grace to every generation
in our deeds and in our speech.
3. Fueled by power from your Spirit,
we commit ourselves anew
to be faithful to your gospel
in the daily work we do.
We will shout your glorious praises,
telling all who have not heard;
grace for every generation
is embodied in your Word.

4. Lord, we offer you our worship
as we celebrate your grace
which you shower on your people
gathered here and every place.
Blessed by water, Word, and table,
we, your church, now pledge to share
grace through every generation
in our witness, work, and prayer.

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We GO OUT TO SERVE
Led by Pastor Duane Van Loo

Prayer for the Future: Led by Pastor Duane Van Loo

Pastor: And now, O Lord, we pray for the children and
youth here today that they may be grounded in
your truth and learn to love you with a whole heart,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And we pray for the children yet to be born who
will sit in these pews in the years to come that
they may carry your kingdom to future generations,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And we pray for the mothers and fathers here
that they may faithfully tell each new generation
of your mercies and your salvation,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And we pray for leaders, pastors, and staff members
that their leadership may always be true to
your Word and faithful to your calling,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: And we desire, Lord, that you will use us to reach
to many within our community and throughout our world
that in their need they may know your love and in their sin
may receive your grace,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

All: **To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen!** *(Romans 16:27)*

* Closing Hymn of Praise: LUYH #504:1-4 ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"***

1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain;
everlasting is your reign.

2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
3. Lo, the apostolic train
joins your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim you,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Words: Te Deum, 4th c.; vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853, alt.,
P.D. Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774; desc. Emily R. Brink, 1986, ©1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources, CCLI # 678905

* Benediction: Based on II Corinthians 13:13

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us,
and the love of God, which enables us to love all,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
which unites us in one body,
make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302:1-2 **“Hear Our Praises”**

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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* Postlude

Welcome! Sunday worship is the call of God to bring special honor to his name. Give him what he asks through faithful worship. Receive this day also as his gift to you to refresh you for the week ahead. We welcome all who are visiting with us today. After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for cake, coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

We will **not** have an evening service today. Next Sunday evening, May 21, Mr. Alvin Shim will come and share about the ministry at Tierra Nueva and the work being done in the valley.

Next week Sunday, **May 21**, will be the last time for Sunday School & Catechism classes. Have a wonderful summer.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** will be held Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Our annual church budget will be presented for approval and informational reports about our church's ministry will be presented. If you have any questions about the agenda or any of the items on the agenda, please contact your district Elder prior to the Congregational Meeting.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

The **Youth Group** will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Group Room.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

Ladies Craft Night will be held on Friday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. Bring something to work on and come and go as you please.

Cookies: It is time to sign-up to bring cookies for the last Sunday of each month. If you are willing to make cookies for others to enjoy, you are encouraged to sign-up on the sheet provided on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to those who have provided cookies in the past months.

Christian Education Fund Update:

Pledge forms for the 2017-2018 school year have been distributed in your mailboxes. The cost of the ministry for the entire 2017-2018 school year of \$124,962.00 is to be pledged by May 31, 2017. Please return your pledge forms in mailbox #85.

Also your pledges for the 2016-2017 school year are due by May 31, 2017. The total amount to be collected is \$132,834.00. We are still in need of \$43,606.00.

In order for the Christian Education Fund to continue we need to fulfill our pledges for both school years. If you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact Katie Jungquist, 428-3818.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **March & April 2017**. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

MAY-JUNE 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Henry & Pam Van Zanten
Dave V	Greg & Tish Ackermann
Greg A	Pastor John & Brooke Knoester
Greg A	Sue & Eliot Blom
Greg B	Terry & Joni Beezhold
Greg B	Steve & Teci Greydanus

Henry H	Wilma Paul
Henry H	Karen Staat
Darrel L	Clarence & Lona Vander Griend
Darrel L	Rich & Elly Cuperus
Pastor John	Mardy & Kristine Stevens
Pastor John	Randy & Peggy Burr
Dennis D	Adrianna Swanson
Dennis D	Marjo Rouw

ADVANCED NOTICES

Blood Draw: A blood draw will be held on Monday, May 22, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:13 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at First Christian Reformed Church. Please give so others may live.

The **Young at Heart** will meet for their monthly lunch on Thursday, May 23 at 12:30 p.m. Meet at Denny's in Mount Vernon.

The **Annual Deacons' Fellowship Brunch** will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP with Sylvia at 336-2405 or one of the Deacons by May 18. Transportation will also be arranged if needed.

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, June 4, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and salad or dessert. Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Unanswered Prayer and the Problem of Evil in Habakkuk: In Habakkuk 1, Habakkuk speaks the questions about unanswered prayer and about the problem of evil that plagues many of us today. Join the Groundwork discussion as we study how his ancient questions help us navigate in today's world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Cheer Up Chamny: Brand New Episode. When the news of Chamy's parents' divorce gets out, Liz and gang mobilize Operation Cheer Up Chamy! Which KC character finds the best way to cheer Chamy up? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download the new free resource Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying.

Save the Date! Mount Vernon Christian will be hosting a retirement open house for Elaine Zonnefeld, Ivan Van Duyn and Chris Vander Wekken in order to honor and recognize the dedicated years they have taught and served in Christian Education and at MVCS. The open house will be at the High School on May 21, 2017 from 2-4 PM in the Hamming Commons. All are invited to come and join MVC for this time of celebration.

Need a weekend get away that recharges your soul? Warm Beach Camp offers campsites, cabins, and lodge rooms. You can enjoy the buffet in the dining hall or cook over an open fire. **Cascade Family Bible Camp** is scheduled for July 6-10. Register soon. Forms are available at church or online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's
FRI	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Craft Night

NURSERY:**Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Johnna Van der Hoek, Devin Van Zanten, Cody Hilsinger

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Shanna Visser, Julian LeClair, DJ Droog

GREETERS:**Today:**

Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

Next Week:

Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Trudy Van Dyke, Henry & Pam Van Zanten

USHERS

Today: Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten, Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Kendall Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today AM: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Tim Hibma

VIDEO TAPING

Today: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP**Today:**

Teacher: Sue Blom

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Juliana LeClair

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Beth Boon, Kennedy Donaldson

LIBRARY:

Today: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Joy Faber

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek, Larry & Margaret Vander Pol, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

Next Week: Henry & Anjean Vander Veen, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Greg & Tish Ackermann

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Danielle Van Zanten & Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Danielle Van Zanten & Sylvia Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Danielle Van Zanten

OFFERING: May 21, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Love INC



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrcmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW CONCERN:

Chris Van Sweden suffered a heart attack this past week. She had a stent put in and is doing well back at her home. Please keep her in your prayers as she regains her strength.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** and **Betty Postma** as they both continue with their chemo treatments. May God give them healing and endurance.

Pray for those who have recently lost **loved ones**.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Creekside in Burlington, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Creekside in Burlington; **Mary Koopmans** at home in Mount Vernon; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at home in Clear Lake, **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington, **Chris Van Sweden** at Country Meadows in Sedro-Woolley, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

OTHER CONCERNS:

World Renew: Zambia - Please pray for farmers in Zambia. Those who planted early on high ground are expecting a good harvest, while farms in the lowlands have been flooded for over two months and are expecting crop failure. Please pray that these farming families may all have enough food.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Middle East - After taking Educational Care teacher training with CRWM staff in the Middle East, a participant says she has learned new ways to help her students realize that God loves them, even as she faces legal issues with sharing the gospel in her country. Pray that these students will continue to experience God's love.

Safe Church Ministry: Safe Church associates - Praise the Lord for Eric Kas, a new Safe Church associate who will help in developing safe church teams in every classis. (At present, less than half of CRC classes have a safe church team.) Volunteer safe church teams equip congregations for the important work of preventing abuse and providing relational support.

Reformed Leadership Initiative: Leadership - Last month coleaders and members of the Reformed Leadership Initiative's implementation team attended a gathering to celebrate developing leaders in network churches, share stories of bright spots and challenges, prepare for equipping teams, and learn new leadership skills. Pray for fruit-bearing in the remaining seven months of this project.

Calvin Theological Seminary: Graduation - Graduation this year will include our first cohort of Distance Learning students and our second cohort of Hispanic Ministry and EIRENE Certificate students. Rejoice with those who graduate, and pray for guidance in their next steps in ministry or further education.

World Renew: South America - Heavy rain and mudslides are having deadly effects throughout Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador, affecting over a million people. World Renew is committed to responding where the needs are greatest. Please pray for support for those in need.

Christian Reformed World Missions: New cultures - Missionaries often face a lot of challenges that come with exposure to different cultures, worldviews, values, political systems, corruption, poverty, or civil instability. Pray that God will comfort missionaries who are struggling with cultural adaptation.