



First Christian Reformed Church

Waupun, Wisconsin

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise.”
Psalm 100:4*

Welcome

In Christ we welcome all who need comfort, friendship, and hope. Our worship is designed to honor God as well as encourage and feed His people. We hope and pray that God will speak to you today.

If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. If you would like further information about our church, there are care cards located on the back inside cover of the gray songbook. Please fill in the information, place it in the offering bag, and we will be in touch with you.

Our Vision

With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

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Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM – 3 PM

Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon

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9:30 AM Worship

The Opening

- Prelude
- *We Greet Each Other
- *Call to Worship
- *Song of Praise: G250 *"I've Come to Tell"*
- *God's Greeting

Confession and Assurance

- Call to Confession – Romans 3:9-12
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon – Romans 3:21-25
- Song of Dedication: G32:1-3 *"How Blest Are They Whose Trespass"*
Children may come forward during the last verse.

We Hear the Word of God

- Children's Lesson
Led by Brian O'Donovan
Afterwards, children ages 3-6 may leave for Children's Worship in the basement.
- Song of Preparation: G287:1-4 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*
- *Scripture: Isaiah 12
- Sermon: A SONG OF THANKSGIVING
 1. The Radical Redemption
 2. The Glorious Grace
- Prayer of Application

The Response of the People

- *Song of Response: G16:1-4 *"Protect Me, God: I Trust in You"*
- Prayers of the People
- Offering: Benevolence
- Lord's Supper – G974

Dismissed to Serve

- *Parting Song: G297:1-3 *"O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"*
- *Benediction
- *Doxology: G637 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
- *Postlude

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg
Helpers: Denny Vande Berg
Jason De Jager

Greeters

Bob & Junice Rens

Nursery

Andrea Buwalda
Hollie Ten Pass

Ushers

Brian Bresser
Joe Bresser
Eric Homan
Keith Venhuizen

Missionary Letters

Steve Homan to Daryl Pfantz⁺
Bruce Huizenga to Brother Bob
Dale Huizenga to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

**Please stand if you are able*

7:00 PM Worship

The Opening

- Prelude
- * Call to Worship
- *Opening Song: G169:1, 2 *"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"*
- *God's Greeting

Time of Prayer and Praise

- Musical Praise: Merle Schouten
- Pastoral Prayer (including requests)
Led by Keith Venhuizen

We Hear the Word of God

- *Scripture: Joshua 24:14-27
- Text: Joshua 24:15
- Sermon: *A HOUSE CHALLENGE*
 1. The Solid Source
 2. The Corrupt Context
 3. The Clear Call
- Prayer of Application

The Response of the People

- *Song of Response: G548:1-3 *"When We Walk with the Lord"*
- *Affirmation of Faith: G813
- Offertory Prayer
- Offering: Classical Ministry Shares

The Dismissal

- *Parting Song: G547:1-3 *"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"*
- *Benediction
- *Doxology: G620:3 *"Unto God Almighty"*
- *Time of Meditation
- *Postlude

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Greeters

Den & Nancy Vande Berg

Library

Marcia Buteyn
Dorothy Schouten
Faith Miedema

Nursery

Shelly Bronkhorst
Jacob Mulder

**Please stand if you are able*

Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshiping with us. Please fill out a “Care Card” found in the back of the gray Psalter Hymnal and drop it in the offering bag. The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Inform an usher if you prefer a large print bulletin, and feel free to check one of the “Visitor” mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.

Worship Notes

Pastor Norman Haan leads us in worship today.

This morning we celebrate **Holy Communion**. We welcome visitors in our midst to partake of the Lord’s Supper with us if you are a professing member of a church that holds the Bible to be God’s infallible Word and if you profess your faith in the triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

Church Family

“**Thank you** to all who remembered me with cards and visits during the holidays. Thanks also to the church for the gift basket.” – Minnie Tobak

Glen Greenfield underwent double knee replacement surgery this past Friday. He expects to be able to return home from the Beaver Dam hospital mid week. Pray for patience during the rehabilitation period and for complete healing.

See the bulletin board for a **Christmas photo from Chaplain Peter & Kristi Hofman**.

New E-mail address: Merle & Dorothy Schouten, mdschouten@charter.net.

We rejoice with the following who will celebrate a birthday this week:

<u>Birthdays:</u>	Jan.		Jan.
Mark Hofman	11	Keith Navis	16
Jordan De Jager	12	Austin Huizenga	17
Jason Derksen	16	Amie Montsma-Riel	17
Leanne Huizenga	16		

Congratulations

Church News

Please pick up your bowls/containers from the kitchen counter and check the hangers by the southeast entrance for various **scarves** that have been left at church. After next Sunday they will be brought to Bargains Galore.

Lost: a cranberry colored scarf with gold metallic threads through it. If found or taken by mistake, please return it to Grace Hartgerink. Thank you.

The Sunday Night Bible Study begins a new season today at 5:30 PM at Gregg and Kristi’s house. Often when it comes to our faith, most people clam up. Why is it we can’t talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales? Andy Stanley’s *Go Fish Bible*



Study will help us explore how to share our faith. During our study we will be equipped with tools that will help in sharing our faith as a natural part of our lives.

Council will meet at 8:00 PM tomorrow. Please inform an Elder or Deacon if you have any matter for the Council.

SWaT will meet at Bethel CRC on January 18. We will meet in the narthex for church at 2:00 PM with SWaT following immediately afterward from 3:15-4:30 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Snacks: bars: Cody / Hannah; soda: Lexy B / Tyler; Cups / napkins: Ashlyn. SWaT will return to its normal time for the February meeting at 1st CRC on February 15.

Community

“Funny Comb,” CWC’s Improv team, will be performing on Monday, January 19, beginning at 7:00 PM in the high school gym. These 12 students, freshmen to seniors, will have you in tears from laughter with games such as “World’s Worst” and “Sit, Stand, Kneel.” Come prepared to give your suggestions for characters and scenes as no one know what’s going to happen and the audience is just as important as the players.

Miscellaneous

Calvin Symposium on Worship: Online registration is now open for the Calvin Symposium on Worship, January 29-31, 2009. Register at www.calvin.edu/worship/sympos/registration.php. Thursday offers 10 day-long seminars and Friday and Saturday include over 80 workshop choices. The six worship services, which are open to the public, will center around Jesus’ parables

World Missions: Apply now for Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program 2009! SMP is an intensive learning program for 18- to 30-year-olds who are interested in experiencing cross-cultural missions alongside CRWM missionaries and their national ministry partners. You could spend the summer in Guatemala, Niger, the Philippines, or other countries around the world. For more information, ask your pastor and/or Missions Advocate for a brochure and go to www.crwm.org/smp to apply today!

Prayer Request: Please pray for Ratna, who gave her life to Christ and wants to learn more about being a disciple of Jesus. Ratna listens to Back to God Ministries International programming in Indonesia. Her parents were against her baptism and are very angry with her. Pray that God will provide a Christian support group for Ratna and open her parents’ hearts to God.

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WISCONSIN RIGHT TO LIFE
FOND DU LAC CHAPTER

PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY

*To beg God's forgiveness for America's crimes against
the pre-born, disabled, and elderly, and to ask His
blessings on persons who might be tempted to participate
in the culture of death.*

**The Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right To Life
and Fondy Teens 4 Life are sponsoring their annual
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE**

The service will be held

Sunday, January 18, 2009

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

51 West Division Street

Fond du Lac

**Speakers will participate from St. Paul's,
Holy Family, New Beginnings and others.**

**We hope that clergy and people of all
denominations who believe in the right to life
will gather to participate and pray
for the triumph of a culture of LIFE.**

Church Calendar

Today:	10:45 AM	4-year old through 10 th Grade Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Go Fish Bible Study @ Gregg & Kristi's
Mon:	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	8:00 PM	Council
Wed:	6:30 PM	GEMS Counselor Pizza Party @ Tony's
	7:00 PM	Youth Group (Lunch: Nate)
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

Next Week's Worship

Accompanist

AM – Junice Rens

PM – Laura Ten Pass

Car Pool

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Children's Message

Marla De Jager

Greeters

AM – Marcia Buteyn

Winnojean Scheuers

PM – Seth & Cara Aylesworth

Library

Allegra Bossenbroek

Winnojean Scheuers

Linda Pausma

Musical Praise

Nancy Vande Berg

Nursery

AM – Kim Greenfield

Joe Venhuizen

Breanna Smits

PM – Tabbie Vander Werff

Jordan De Jager

Offering

AM – 1st: Building Fund

2nd: Bethany Christian Services

PM – Faith Promise

Pastoral Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Ushers

Brian Bresser

Joe Bresser

Eric Homan

Keith Venhuizen

Video Projection

Marla De Jager

A Quiet Sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

-Author Unknown