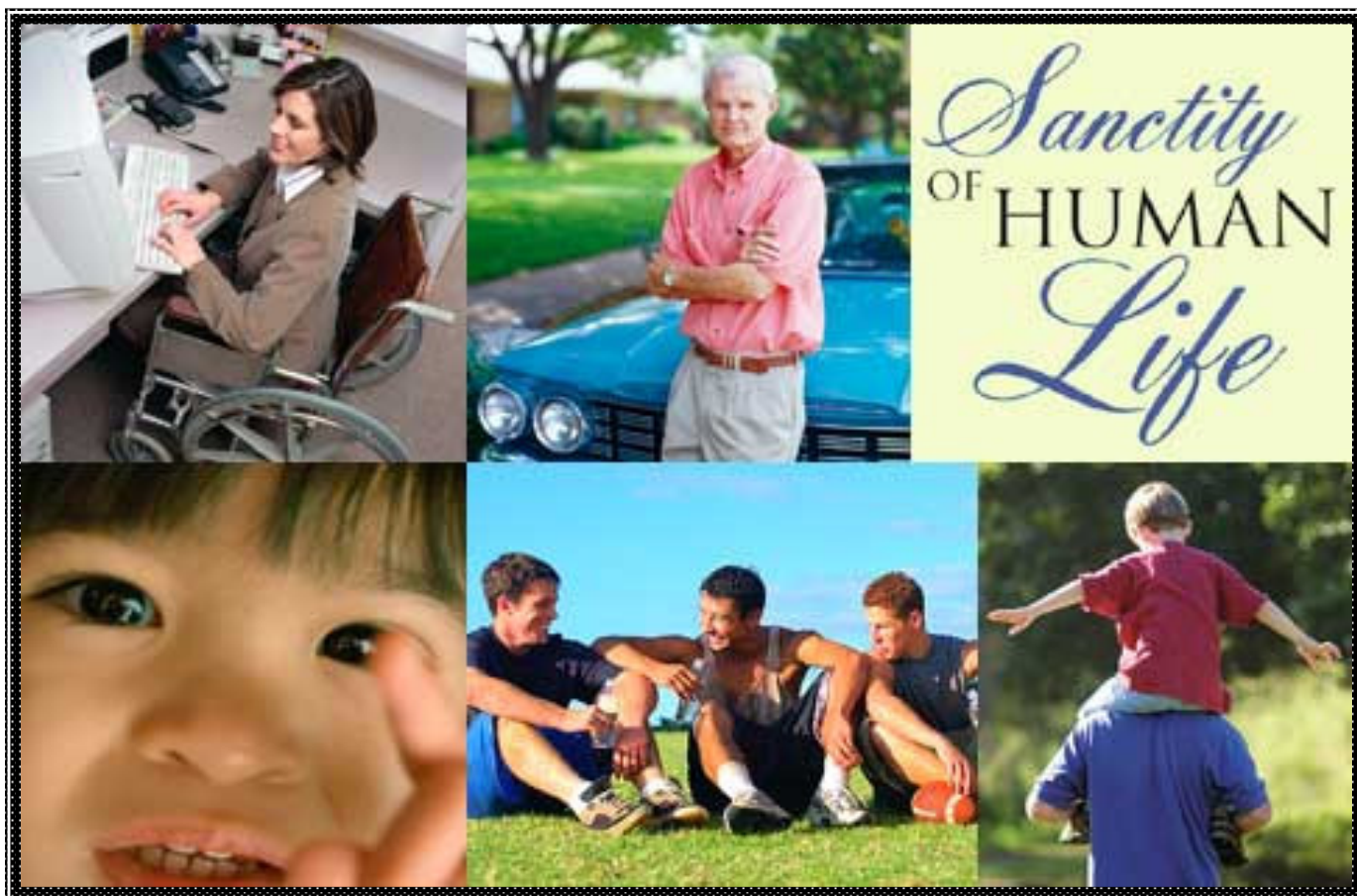


January 18, 2009



First Christian Reformed Church

Waupun, Wisconsin

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9:30 AM Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 92:1-4)

Opening Time of Praise

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of
Trumpet" G569

"O Worship the King" G428 vs. 1, 2, 5

"Jesus Draw Me Close" (see screen)

Call to Confession: Psalm 24:3-5

Prayer of Confession (sung): "Give Us
Clean Hands" (see screen)

Assurance of Pardon: from Psalm 103:8-14
responsively (see screen)

(Afterwards, children may come forward for
the Children's Lesson)

Children's Lesson led by Marla De Jager
(Afterwards, children aged 3-6 may leave
for Children's Worship in the basement.)

Prayer for Illumination: Psalm 43:3

***Scripture:** Psalm 27

Sermon: "Seek His Face"

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "Oh Lord, You're
Beautiful" R643

Prayer of the People:

Psalm 102:1-2

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
G625

Prayer

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
G625

Offerings:

1st: Building Fund

2nd: Bethany Christian Services

Benediction: from Psalm 67
responsively (see screen)

Doxology: "Lord, I Bring My
Songs to You" (see screen)

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Junice Rens

Children & Worship

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Jon De Jager
Austin Huizenga

Greeters

Marcia Buteyn

Winnojean Scheuers

Nursery

Kim Greenfield

Joe Venhuizen

Breanna Smits

Ushers

Brian Bresser

Joe Bresser

Eric Homan

Keith Venhuizen

Missionary Letters

Dale Jansen to Daryl Pfantz

Norm Jansma to Brother Bob⁺

Leanne Johnson to Chaplain Peter

**Please pray especially for this
missionary family this week.*

**Please stand if you are able*

7:00 PM Worship

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***God's Greeting**

***We Greet Each Other**

Opening Hymn & Litany: Jesus Loves Me (see screen)

Litany for Sanctity of Human Life

Musical Praise led by Nancy Vande Berg

Pastoral Prayer led by Brian O'Donovan

***Scripture:** Genesis 1:26-27

Message: "Do I Look Like God?"

Prayer

***Response in Song:** "I Want to Be Like Jesus" R550
vs. 1, 3, 4

Offertory Prayer

Offering for Faith Promise

***Benediction**

***Parting Song:** "Lord of the Universe" (see screen)

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Greeters

Seth & Cara Aylesworth

Library

Allegra Bossenbroek

Winnojean Scheuers

Linda Pausma

Nursery

Tabbie Vander Werff

Jordan De Jager

**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

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court in two separate decisions (Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton) established a right to abortion for the entire term of pregnancy for virtually any reason, whether for the sake of personal finances, social convenience or individual lifestyle. This day is memorialized each year as we pray for an end to abortion. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that all Americans are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we celebrate the sacred gift of life.

Verses of the Week: Psalm 27:4-5 “One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.”

Church Family

Glen Greenfield's double knee replacement surgery went well, and he returned home on Wednesday. He is able to use the flex machine at home and is thankful that his pain is manageable. Please pray for continued and complete healing.

Tyler Jansen received a good report from the doctors. His vertebrae fractures healed better than expected. As a precaution he must continue to wear his back brace and use his bone stimulator until his next appointment in 2 months. If his healing continues at the same pace, hopefully he will then be free from restrictions. The Jansens thank everyone for your prayers.

“We had a good Christmas time in the prison, we spent Christmas day also in the prison with the inmates and they are very glad that we can do that to them. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support to the ministry and the poor people in so many ways. We have also lots of challenges as we continue to work in the ministry and sometimes so scary but the Lord helped us through and He blessed us with lots of inmates in our Bible study and we are grateful for that and we trust the Lord for the rest. Thank you so much for your Christmas greetings and regards to the First CRC Waupun family where we know there are many praying for us and the ministry.” – Neen (also from Bob)

“Thank you to those who volunteered to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.” – Arky Navis

“Thank you to whomever found and returned my scarf.” – Grace Hartgerink

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

<u>Birthdays:</u>	Jan.		Jan.
Shelly Bronkhorst	18	Brian Ten Pass	22
Bob Greenfield	20	Marcia Buteyn	23
Stephanie Tjepkema	20	Rhonda Schouten	24

Church News

Council notes from January 12, 2009:

1. The council approved the membership transfer of Missy Aho to Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Appleton.
2. The council will use the following guidelines as it relates to winter weather cancellations:
 - a. The decision to cancel a service will be made at least 1 ½ hours prior to the service start time.
 - b. In the event there is a cancellation, it will be posted on the web site, called into the radio station(s) and a message will be placed on the church’s answering machine.
 - c. Members wishing to also receive a phone call should make arrangements with their district elder.
3. During the Lenten season, the evening services will use a large –group Bible study format in place of the sermon. The goal is to get involvement from the congregation; however, members will not be put in uncomfortable positions. The council hopes that this will cause members to dig into scripture and have a renewed thirst for God’s Word.
4. Financial reports were presented by the Deacons showing fund balances of \$36,199.30 in the General Fund, \$1506.95 in the Building Fund, \$1155.52 in the Faith Promise Fund, and \$5304.46 in the Benevolent Fund.

There are still a couple unclaimed scarves hanging by the southeast entrance. After today they will be donated to Bargains Galore.

This coming Saturday we have the opportunity to share the gospel by way of a



movie at our church. Because we want to invite the whole community we will be canvassing the neighborhood by handing out flyers. If you would be willing to help out please talk to Pastor Craig and he will provide you with an area to canvas and the necessary materials. There is no set time for canvassing. We simply ask that you do it this week before Friday.

The 2009 Faith Promise Drive response was low. The Deacons request your prayerful reconsideration regarding this important



ministry. Pledge forms are again available on the narthex counter and can be deposited in any offering bag or placed in the narthex "Return" mailslot. Thank you.

SWaT will meet in the Bethel CRC narthex today 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.



Friendship Bible Study will meet at Bethel CRC tomorrow. Kids (ages 7-18) at 5:45-6:45 PM; Adults at 7:00-8:00 PM.

GEMS will meet at 6:30-8:30 PM this Wednesday at Bethel CRC.



Cadets will meet 6:45-8:45 PM this Wednesday at the CWC Elementary Campus.

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday night (rescheduled from last week). We will also meet next Wednesday night, January 28. See you then!

Worship Committee Meeting on January 22 at 6:00 PM. Come with ideas for Lent.

On Friday our Youth Group will be attending the Winter Retreat. Please pray for safety in travel and in activities, but more importantly that they will be encouraged in their faith.

Our church is planning a **movie night this Saturday** at 6:00 PM. We will be showing the movie "Facing the Giants" on the big screen with refreshments to follow. We are hoping for a great turn-out so invite your friends, family and neighbors to this FREE movie. There will be a nursery and an alternate movie for the younger kids. To learn more, visit our web site at www.waupuncrc.com.



Want to jump start your Sunday morning? Join us for coffee, hot chocolate, cold drink, and lots of warm fellowship beginning each Sunday morning at 8:45 AM in the narthex. It's a great way to connect with fellow members of First CRC and to provide a warm welcome to our guests.

Care Group 2: You are cordially invited to the Van Hill's house after the morning worship service next Sunday, January 25. Refreshments and fellowship will be provided.



Cadets will be participating in our combined Cadet Service at 6:50 PM next Sunday. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Cadets are asked to wear you grey shirts and arrive at 6:30 PM.

Community

“Funny Comb,” CWC’s Improv team, will be performing tomorrow, 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 knows what’s going to happen and the audience is just as important as the players.



Coffee Break and Story Hour will be starting again this Wednesday from 9:30 till 11:00 AM and from 6:30 till 7:30 PM at Bethel CRC. We will be continuing with our study on Luke – Lesson 3 entitled *John is Born*. Newcomers are always warmly welcome to attend. For more information call Ann at 324-3767 or Alice at 346-2816

Attention all singers! The Randolph Community Choir will begin rehearsals for this year's Easter cantata on Sunday, January 25, 5:30 PM at the Randolph Reformed Church. Come join us for a unique opportunity to experience the marvel of Christ's death and resurrection through song.



Miscellaneous

CRWRC: As violence continues unabated in Gaza please pray that peace may soon come to a troubled land and a long-term solution can be found. The conflict is creating widespread suffering and overwhelming Palestinian medical capacities. As a member of the Global Relief Alliance CRWRC is supporting the work of Medical Teams International who is shipping much needed medical supplies to Gaza. If you wish to support this effort, mark donations "Gaza Conflict" and place in an offering bag.

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.crwmm.org/smp to apply today!

Church Calendar

Today:	10:45 AM	4-year old through 10 th Grade Sunday School/Catechism
	2:00 PM	SWaT @ Bethel CRC
Mon:	5:45 PM	Kid's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Wed:	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:45 PM	Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus
	7:00 PM	Youth Group (Lunch: Nate)
Thu:	6:00 PM	Worship Committee
Fri-Sun:		Winter Retreat
Sat:	6:00 PM	Movie Night – "Facing the Giants"
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

Next Week's Worship

Accompanist

AM – Cara Aylesworth

PM – Brenda Hofman

Car Pool

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Children's Message

Dominique Van Hill

Children & Worship

Teacher: Dominique Van Hill

Helpers: Jordan De Jager

Trevor Zonnefeld

Greeters

AM – Scott & Jenny Ritzema

PM – Cadets

Library

Rose Homan

Sandy Greenfield

Jan De Vries

Musical Praise

Cadets

Nursery

AM – Allen, Lisa, Josie & Jack
Stahmann

PM – Brenda Hofman
Jon De Jager

Offering

AM – Education Fund

PM – Cadets

Pastoral Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System

Dan Scheuers

Ushers

Brian Bresser

Joe Bresser

Eric Homan

Keith Venhuizen

Video Projection

Gregg Zonnefeld

Greetings

While there appears to be many hardships in our travels from prison to prison – we see so many more prayers answered in response to our pleas – and all in so many ways.

A bus refuses to move until it's full – and although we are there in plenty of time – we see our schedule slipping away while we wait. As we pray in a half-filled vehicle – the driver decides it's time to go anyway and we meet our full day of Gospel teaching.

Torrential rains pour as we travel but cease when we arrive to walk the last quarter-mile to the prison only to renew when we reach the men. Such events enable us to teach who controls the faucets and how He looks after his own.

We are stranded because we stayed to answer inmate questions and missed the last ride to our night's boarding. Prayer brings a tricycle whose driver somehow felt moved to pass by our way before the darkness comes in a strange place.

Wardens and prison officials who once all but ignored us now listen as we teach and then invite us to stay for lunch to express their personal gratitude for our work and sometimes drive us to the bus terminal in their private vehicles – and it all gives us time to share what the Lord would have us do and be with them.

Christianity and Cultural clash in many ways – subtle and sometimes "not so much" – as they phrase it here. Yet the fruit of our prayers, faith and obedience help facilitate a common ground in Christ.

Having experienced many such miracles – "major and minor" – in my Wisconsin prison years – I still marvel as they continue and as I glory in the added joys of witnessing God's hand on Neen and others – including the inmates.

God is not only attentive to our prayers – He anticipates their arrival. As we see Him at work in our efforts – we often sense being more the middle-man than instigator.

We can only guess at the added value of your lifting us up and give thanks for your standing with us in that way.

Brother Bob and Neen