

# 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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# 9:30 AM Worship

## Prelude

**Call to Worship:** “Author Of Our Faith” R546 responsively

Leader: Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

**All: Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

**Opening Song of Praise:** “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” R575 vs. 1-3

## God’s Will for Our Lives

**Affirmation of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21, G867 responsively

Q. What is true faith?

A. **True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

**Song of Dedication:** “Praise Him, Praise Him” R188 vs. 1

(Children may come forward for the Children’s Message during this song.)

**Children’s Message** led by Ken Homan

(Afterwards, children aged 3-6 may leave for Children’s Worship in the basement.)

**Song of Preparation:** “Dare to Run” by the Adult Choir

**\*Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1-3

**Sermon:** “Never Give Up”

**Prayer of Application**

**Song of Response:** “Ahead of Us, A Race to Run” (see screen)

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** Education Fund

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Parting Song:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” G556 vs. 1 & 2

**Benediction**

**Doxology:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” G556 vs. 3

**\*Postlude**

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## **6:50 PM Worship**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship and Prayer** led by Praise Team 2

**\*God’s Greeting**

**Time of Praise** led by Praise Team 2

**Pastoral Prayer:** Led by Al Venhuizen

**We Hear The Word**

“Amazing Grace” G462 vs. 1

The Parable of the Lost Sheep: Luke 15:1-7 read by Joe Bresser

“Amazing Grace” G462 vs. 3

The Parable of the Lost Coin: Luke 15:8-10 read by Troy Aalsma

“Amazing Grace” G462 vs. 4

The Parable of the Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-31 read by Anna Hofman

**Message:** “Lost and Found”

**\*Song of Response:** “Amazing Grace” G462 vs. 5

**Prayer of Application**

**God’s Will for Our Lives:** Heidelberg Catechism LD #33, G902 responsively

#88 Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. **Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the coming-to-life of the new.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

#89 Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. **It is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it.**

#90 Q. What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

A. **It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.**

#91 Q. What do we do that is good?

A. **Only that which arises out of true faith, conforms to God's law, and is done for his glory; and not that which is based on what we think is right or on established human tradition.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Classical Ministry Shares

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** "He Giveth More Grace" R707 vs. 1-2

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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## **Welcome**

**We welcome our visitors** and hope that you enjoy worshipping 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**

During this morning's offering, a DVD will be played about the **Christian Reformed World Relief Committee's Disaster Response Services (CRWRC's DRS)**. DRS volunteers give of their time and talents to help clear debris, assess needs, and rebuild homes after disasters strike. They particularly share their services with the elderly, disabled, uninsured, and others with great need. In June 2008, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, "the city that would never flood," was drowned by waters rising twelve feet higher than any previously recorded flood. People were evacuated as floodwaters damaged and destroyed 4,000 homes in Linn County alone. CRWRC's DRS has been on the scene for months. In mid-March, DRS reconstruction teams will begin helping the poorest of the

poor rebuild their homes—and their lives. An offering for CRWRC’s DRS will be taken next Sunday morning. To volunteer your time and talents, call 1-800-848-5818 or go to [www.crwrc.org/DRS](http://www.crwrc.org/DRS).

**This evening’s service begins at 6:50 PM** with an extended time of praise. “Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.” - Psalm 47:6

**Verse of the Week: Hebrews 12:1** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

## Church Family

“**We thank everyone** for their prayers, concerns, cards, well wishes, visits, etc. during Harry's recent surgery. We ask you to continue to remember him until his recovery is complete. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Craig for his loving concern.” - Harry & Pat Homan

Please remember in your prayers **Marla De Jager’s nephew, Jonathan Sturing**, who is now stationed at the Army base near Mosul, Iraq - the “hot spot” of the war and the last Al-Qaida strong-hold.



**Finding it difficult** to know what to write when it’s your turn to send a letter to one of our missionaries? Letter writing doesn’t always come easy; yet all of us can send an email, a greeting card, or a picture. From the reports we receive from the missionaries, it is not so much the extent of the effort as it is the thought of being remembered that speaks to those who are serving so far from home.

**We rejoice with the following** who will celebrate an anniversary or birthday this week:

|                           |                    |                        |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Anniversary</u></b> | <b><u>Feb.</u></b> |                        | <b><u>Feb.</u></b> |
| Louie & Nancy Wierenga    | 23                 | Bob & Junice Rens      | 26                 |
| Dan & Clarissa Roets      | 24                 |                        |                    |
| <b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>  | <b><u>Feb.</u></b> | <i>Congratulations</i> | <b><u>Feb.</u></b> |
| Jessica Hofman            | 25                 | Harry Homan            | 27                 |
| Jeff Redman               | 26                 | Lisa Stahmann          | 27                 |
| Melissa Ringwell          | 26                 | Megan Greenfield       | 29                 |
| Stella Hofman             | 27                 |                        |                    |

## Church News

**Choir rehearsal** will be held in the sanctuary after this morning’s service. New members are always welcome.



**GEMS Counselors-in-Training** will meet tomorrow at 6:30 PM at Tony’s.

**Finance Committee** will meet tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

**Classis Wisconsin** will convene at 9:00 AM Tuesday at First CRC, Sheboygan. Pastor Craig and Elder John Bronkhorst will attend and request your prayers for God's guidance.

**Are you ready for Crocodile Dock?** Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light! VBS is July 20-23, 2009. Write it on your calendar. Look for sign-up sheets coming soon.



### **Advanced Reminders/Notices:**

- During the Lenten season (beginning next Sunday), 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.
- The Annual Day of Prayer combined service will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 PM at Alto CRC
- The Maundy Thursday combined service will be held here at 7:00 PM on April 9.
- The Good Friday combined service will be held at Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM on April 10.
- The Easter evening combined service will be held at Bethel CRC at 7:00 PM on April 12 and will include an Easter cantata

## **Community**

**Open House Events scheduled at Central Wisconsin Christian:** Central Wisconsin Christian School invites area families to explore the option of Christ-centered education for their children as they look forward to the 2009.2010 school year by attending one of our two Open House events. For more information on these Open House events, or to schedule a personal tour, visit our website at [www.centralwisconsinchristian.org](http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org), or contact Director of Advancement Gregg Zonnefeld at 920.318.1349.

- Check out our **Elementary Open House (4K Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)** at our McKinley Street Campus on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 AM-Noon. Families are invited to tour our facility, meet the teachers, and receive information on academic programs, spiritual integration, and more.
- The **Secondary Campus Open House (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)** will be held at our Fox Lake Road Campus on Tuesday, March 10, from 6:30-8:30 PM. Interactive displays, presentations by staff members, and more will be available to families interested in learning more about middle and high school education.

**Soup Supper:** The Youth Group at First Reformed Church will be hosting a soup/chili supper on Wednesday, March 4, at 5:00 - 7:30 PM. A freewill donation will be taken to support the Youth Group's mission trip to St. Louis in June.

**Reserve Saturday, March 7, for a delicious waffle breakfast** served by the Van Baren family of Dutch American Foods supporting the senior class of CWC. Tickets for this breakfast are available from any CWC senior or at the CWC secondary campus.

Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 10 and under, and \$20.00 for an entire family. Breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:30 AM at the secondary gymnasium.

**The Annual Choirs Who Care Concert** will be held at 2:00 PM, March 8, at the First Reformed Church of Waupun. A free-will offering will be taken with the first \$5000 matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This year's recipients are Renee Gasner (a band teacher at the Waupun Area High School who attends Immanuel Lutheran Church and is undergoing radiation therapy for a Stage 2 brain tumor) and Tanya Mucciolo (a mother of five children who attends Alto CRC and is undergoing chemotherapy for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma).

Edgewood Community Church is hosting a FREE marriage seminar "**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**" put on by thinkmarriage.org on March 20 & 21. The seminar features Mark Gungor, a Wisconsin pastor and comedian who gives wise, practical, and engaging advice that will benefit any marriage. There will be a live presenter with Mark on the big screen via DVD. Free lunch and snacks are included. Register at [www.thinkmarriage.org](http://www.thinkmarriage.org). See the bulletin board for additional details.

Advanced Notice: Save Tuesday, April 14, for the **19th Annual Bethany Banquet**.

## **Miscellaneous**

**The Power of With Conference:** February 26–March 1 in Chicago. This gathering, sponsored by Christian Reformed ministries, will bring together community organizers, church staff, students and others to share and learn about how to do ministry truly alongside and with the communities we want to serve. The Office of Social Justice extends an invitation for you to join our workshops in pursuing and organizing for justice! Visit [www.thepowerofwith.com](http://www.thepowerofwith.com) to register or contact Kate Kooyman at [kkooyman@crcna.org](mailto:kkooyman@crcna.org) to learn more and ask about scholarships.

**New from Faith Alive Resources:** Our new website features better search and FASTER ordering! Visit [www.FaithAliveResources.org](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org) and take a look at NEW resources including "Bioethics: A Reformed Look at Life and Death Choices."

## **Church Calendar**

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|------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Today:</b>    | 8:15 AM  | 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism                      |
|                  | 8:45 AM  | First Fellowship  |
|                  | 10:45 AM | 4-year old through 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School/Catechism |
|                  | 10:45 AM | Choir Rehearsal   |
| <b>Mon:</b>      | 6:30 PM  | GEMS CIT meeting @ Tony's   |
|                  | 7:00 PM  | Finance Committee   |
| <b>Tue:</b>      | 9:00 AM  | Classis Wisconsin @ First CRC, Sheboygan                          |
| <b>Wed:</b>      | 7:00 PM  | Youth Group (Lunch: Tyler)  |
| <b>Next Sun:</b> | 8:15 AM  | 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism                      |
|                  | 8:45 AM  | First Fellowship  |

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## **This Morning**

### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Lexi De Jager  
Joe Bresser

### **Greeters**

Steve & Rose Homan

### **Nursery**

Charlie, Lori, & Brandon Kitchner

### **Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

### **Transportation**

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

### **Ushers**

Dale Huizenga

Seth Huizenga

Jacob Mulder

Thomas Venhuizen

### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

### **Missionary Letters**

Bob Mulder to Daryl Pfantz<sup>+</sup>

Eric Mulder to Brother Bob

Jeremy Mulder to Chaplain Peter

*<sup>+</sup>Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.*

## **This Evening**

### **Accompanist**

Cara Aylesworth

### **Greeters**

Randy & Brenda Kamphuis

### **Library**

Rose Homan

Allegra Bossenbroek

Jan De Vries

### **Nursery**

Andrea Buwalda

Jacob Mulder

### **Sound System**

Dan Scheuers

### **Transportation**

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – Brenda Hofman

PM – Lois Mulder

### ***Children's Message***

Laura Venhuizen

### ***Children & Worship***

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg

Helpers: Den Vande Berg

Dylan Vander Berg

### ***Greeters***

AM – Pastor Norman & Joyce Haan

PM – Jim & Lois Groenewold

### ***Library***

Dorothy Schouten

Linda Pausma

Winnojean Scheuers

### ***Musical Praise***

Keith Venhuizen

### ***Nursery***

AM – Allen, Lisa, Josie, & Jack Stahmann

PM – Bonnie, Lucas, & Dylan Vander Berg

### ***Offering***

AM – CRWRC Disaster Response  
Services

PM – Local Budget

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Gregg Zonnefeld

### ***Sound System***

Glen Greenfield

### ***Transportation***

Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-1246)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

### ***Ushers***

Brian O' Donovan

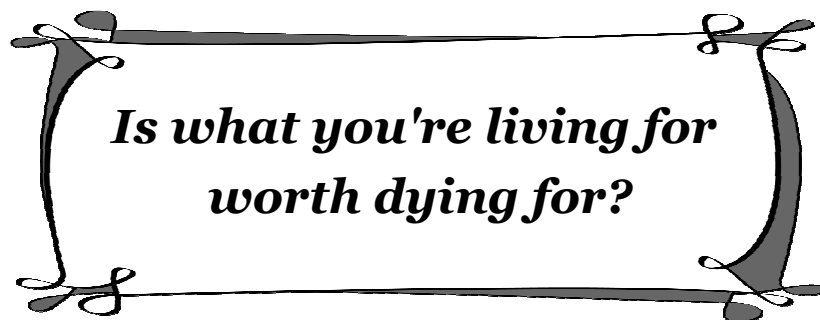
Tyler Ten Pass

Ray Hofman

Noah Mulder

### ***Video Projection***

Randall Greenfield



# ***Prayer Requests***



## **Shut-Ins**

Gerald Bossenbroek  
Delia Buteyn  
Henrietta Buteyn  
Ruby Buteyn  
Hazel Buwalda  
Bea Heideman  
Eugene Kikkert

Millie Kuiper  
Bud Navis  
Wilma Navis  
Marion Scheuers  
Howard & Nina Te Beest  
Jerry & Jeanette Tjepkema  
Minnie Tobak

## **Health Concerns**

Angela Buwalda's aunt, Hildred Loomans, as she recovers from a fall.  
Joe Durant's mother who has moved to the Christian Home.  
Harry Homan as he recovers from surgery.  
Wilma Navis as she anticipates colon cancer surgery in March.  
Harry & Karen Venhuizen's nephew, Mark, as he recovers from brain surgery.

## **Military**

Larry & Trix Daane's granddaughter, Holly Daane (Beal AFB, CA)  
Larry & Trix Daane's grandson, Jeff Daane, will be going to Iraq in March. He is in the Navy and is cross-training with the Army and will be doing ground operations with them.  
Sam Daane (Beal AFB, CA)  
Chaplain Peter Hofman (Ft. Drum, NY)  
Casey Derksen (Ft. Bliss, TX).  
Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing (Mosul, Iraq)

## **Praise**

Praise God for the completion of the third set of French language Bible study correspondence lessons. More than 9,000 students in Africa have completed the first two sets of lessons and are eager to continue growing in God's Word. Pray for enough volunteers to mentor these students of the Bible.

## **Faith Promise Missions**

Cadets  
GEMS  
Brother Bob & Neen Kocmoud  
Local Outreach

The Union  
Scott Ritzema  
Dunc & Mary Pfantz  
Pastor Ken Van De Griend