



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:** Led by Praise Team #3 (responsively)

Leader: God calls us to worship during this season of Lent.

People: We worship Jesus Christ, our brother,

Leader: who loved his earthly family but created a heavenly family that we can be a part of.

People: God accepts us too as brothers and sisters of Christ.

Leader: Let us praise God for his great gifts to us in Christ.

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Praise Team #3

***God's Greeting**

***We Greet Each Other**

God's Will For Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: Hear these words of salvation from 1 Peter 2: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Christ, our brother, has saved us from our sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Dedication: "Jesus Loves Me" R185 vs. 1

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

Children's Message led by Dominique Van Hill

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

Song of Preparation: "Open Our Eyes" R633 vs. 1-2

***Scripture:** Mark: 3:20-35

Sermon: "Christ is Our Brother"

Prayer of Application

***Song of Response:** "Man of Sorrows" G482 vs. 1, 2, 4

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

***Benediction**

***Parting Song:** "Man of Sorrows" G482 vs. 5

***Postlude**

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

7:00 PM Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

***God's Greeting**

Time of Praise: Led by Praise Team 1

Pastoral Prayer with Requests: Led by Ken Homan

Special Music: "Ancient Words" 2nd Grade Girls

We Study The Word: Genesis 38

Song of Response: "The Church's One Foundation" G502 vs. 1, 2, 4

Affirmation of Faith: "Apostles' Creed" G813

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Local Budget

***Song:** "Savior Again To Your Dear Name We Raise" G319 vs. 1

***Benediction**

***Parting Song:** "Savior Again To Your Dear Name We Raise" G319 vs. 2-4

***Postlude**

**Please stand if you are able*

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

Verses of the Week: Mark 3:33-35 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Church Family

"We're thankful to God for Harry's successful surgery. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery." – Harry & Pat Homan

Orlene Smits' nephew, Mark Vossekuil, is in Madison Hospital with blood clots in his lungs. He fell on the ice and tore his rotary cuff a couple of weeks ago. Last week they discovered blood clots so he had to return to the hospital. Pray that the blood clots will not cause any problems and will disappear.

Gene Hofman's mother received good news that she does not have lymphoma. She will be undergoing additional tests to try to determine why her lymph system is enlarged.

We extend our sympathy to the Dave & Lori Venhuizen family in the death of Lori's cousin, Donna, last Sunday after a long battle with cancer. Continue to uplift Donna's parents, Elmer and Jeanette Decker, who are still recovering from a serious car accident while on their way to visit her. *"May your unfailing love be my comfort"* Psalm 119:76a

Neen's comments to Brother Bob after one of their weeks visiting prisons: "You know, dear, sometimes I can't focus when I'm in the prisons. It sometimes is so very noisy or I am thinking other things. [Dealing with herself and wondering what to do.] That's when I bring my focus with the lesson and me doing well with it. And then I asked the Lord to use me to talk to the inmates and sometimes I was so amazed as He does and I also listen to myself. You're right when you say how the Spirit speaks to you as He also speaks with others you came to tell. I am so grateful with Him and those everywhere who are with us where we go." – Neen

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

<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Mar.</u>		<u>Mar.</u>
Kendra De Jager	17	Breanna Smits	20
Troy Aalsma	18	Karen Durant	21
Beth Andrew	18	Brandon Kitchner	21
Nicoli Scheuers	20		

Congratulations

Church News



The sign up sheets for VBS "Crocodile Dock" are on the narthex table. Please take a moment and look them over and sign up to help. Dad's and Grandpa's—we didn't leave you out, there are opportunities for you as well. Kids in Middle and High School please sign up—your help is needed as well. VBS is July 20-23 from 9:00-12:00 at First Christian Reformed. Come for a great week of fun, learning, and spotting God in all we do. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Vander Berg at 324-0801 or Dominique Van Hill at 324-2249.

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.

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

Revised Office Hours this week: Tuesday 10-3 and Friday 10-3. (No office hours on Thursday.)





Mary/Martha Society will meet at 1:30 PM this Wednesday. We will study Daniel chapters 1 & 2. Lessons are in your mail slot. Grace Hartgerink is the song leader.

GEMS will meet for Beach Night this Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at Bethel CRC



Cadets will meet for a regular meeting this Wednesday, 6:45-8:45 PM, at the CWC Elementary Campus.

We will be serving the evening meal at St Ben's on March 27. Sign-up sheets are in the basement. Please put your name on each line for multiple donations and take the instruction sheet that accompanies each project. Please drop off your food donations at the church kitchen next Thursday at 4:00-8:00 PM or next Friday at 7:00-10:30 AM or contact the name of the bottom of the project sheet for pick-up. Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of this rewarding project.

Care Group 5 will be meeting on Saturday, March 28, at Culvers at 6:00 PM. See your mailbox for more details.

Camp Calvin will be held June 22-27. Registration brochures should be available on the narthex counter today. Get your registrations in early this year. Space is limited and the churches of Classis Illinois will be invited to attend this year.

Community

Central Wisconsin Christian School's Theatre Arts Department is actively preparing for this spring's musical, "**Fiddler on the Roof**" set for this Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at **6:30 PM** in the school gymnasium. This very popular story, with lively songs, follows Ukrainian milkman Tevye as he desperately clings to the old Jewish customs and traditions while all around him the world is changing. Almost one third of the CWC student body is involved in the cast, orchestra and crew. Tickets are on sale now, with the prices ranging between \$5.00 to \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 and under. This musical is wonderful entertainment for the whole family, so call the office at 324-4233 to reserve your tickets now.



Edgewood Community Church is hosting a FREE marriage seminar "**Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**" put on by thinkmarriage.org this Friday and Saturday. 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. See the bulletin board for additional details and register at www.thinkmarriage.org.



The 4K – 5th grade students of CWC would like to invite you to join them for their annual spring musical. This year's musical is called "Lifesong." It tells the story of six young children who are at a leadership camp. The story shows how each of them has gifts that enable them to be leaders no matter where they are or what the circumstances. Please join us

on Friday, March 27, at the CWC gym to see these children sharing this story with us. The performances are at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

You are invited to attend the 19th Annual Bethany Banquet on Tuesday, April 14, at the CWC Secondary Campus. Punch will begin at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. The evening's entertainment will be the Seibel family. A free will offering will be collected to support services out of the Fond du Lac Bethany office. To reserve your seat please contact Cara Aylesworth at 324-0346 or e-mail sethandcara@sbcglobal.net. There is also a sign-up sheet on the narthex counter. Reservation deadline is April 4. FYI - This year we will not be calling past attendees and there will not be assigned seating.

The Women's Ministries at First Reformed Church is hosting a **Lenten Coffee Hour** on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:30 AM. See the narthex bulletin board for more information and sign-up on the narthex counter by April 2.

Advance Notice: The Missionary Union will be held on April 15 at Alto CRC.

TODAY Devotionals Distribution: During this world-wide economic downturn, financial pressures have made it impossible for the Back to God Ministries International to continue to distribute the TODAY devotional at previous levels. As a result, beginning with the May/June issue, we will be receiving approximately 30% fewer copies that we currently receive. Sign up today at www.ThisIsToday.net to receive your daily TODAY devotional free via email, audio podcast, or RSS feed instead.

Miscellaneous

Hey, kids! Get out your paints, markers, and crayons . . . it's poster time! World Missions' 2009 Poster Contest is now on. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to World Missions by Tuesday. Winning posters will be selected according to the following age categories: 6 and under, 7-9, 10-12, and 13 and above. For more information, visit the Opportunities page on our website www.crwmm.org under "Get Involved."

World Missions: Are you a teacher or administrator? From grade school to grad school, you could share your faith in a classroom overseas. Christian Reformed World Missions has opportunities for educators to serve in Christian and secular schools and universities around the world for the '09-'10 school year. Visit www.crwmm.org/teaching for more information.

Home Missions: Pastor Juan Pablo Sanchez of Vida Nueva CRC (New Life Christian Reformed Church) is seeking to raise over \$4,000 to purchase 300 chairs for the Miami Florida church. The Home Missions funded church started as a Bible study in the living room of Sanchez and his wife Alicia. Now, the ministry has relocated to a new facility and is starting to grow beyond its current 120 members. The chairs will provide comfort and stability as Vida Nueva builds a family of supportive and service-oriented followers of Jesus Christ.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Turkey & Seven churches of Rev 2-3: Join Jeff Weima, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, for a study tour of key biblical and archeological sites in Turkey (May 15-27).

Each evening features a special study session on "Paul: His Life & His Letters" and "From Patmos to Paradise: The Seven Sermons to the Seven Churches." For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-957-6019 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Mexico Cross-Cultural Mission/Service Projects: IDEA Ministries coordinates service projects in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula during July, lasting from 12 days to 3 weeks. Individuals, couples, families and groups from USA and Canada enjoy partnering with Mexican Christians in their home congregations. Projects include daily team Bible study, host family stays, participation in worship, and some free time to enjoy the region or explore Mayan and Mexican history. For a Fact Sheet containing more information, email info@ideaministries.org or call 616.698.8393 prior to April 1.

Church Calendar

Today:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	10:45 AM	4-year old through 10 th Grade Sunday School/Catechism
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
Mon:	5:45 PM	Kid's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	8:00 PM	Council
Wed:	1:30 PM	Mary/Martha Society
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:45 PM	Cadet @ CWC Elementary Campus
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

This Morning

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Jon De Jager

Trevor Zonnefeld

Greeters

Bill & Ann Hoekstra

Nursery

Kim Greenfield

Breanna Smits

Thomas Venhuizen

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-1246)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Brian O' Donovan

Tyler Ten Pass

Ray Hofman

Noah Mulder

Video Projection

Gregg Zonnefeld

Missionary Letters

Brian O'Donovan to Daryl Pfantz⁺

Laurie Parmelee to Brother Bob

Dewey Pausma to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

This Evening

Accompanist

Junice Rens

Greeters

Don & Linda Pausma

Library

Marge Vande Streek

Jan Scheuers

Angela Buwalda

Nursery

Brenda Hofman

Hollie Ten Pass

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Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Lois Mulder

PM – Laura Ten Pass

Children's Message

Marla De Jager

Children & Worship

Teacher: Beth Andrew

Helpers: Jordan De Jager

Austin Huizenga

Greeters

AM – Heather & Gretchen Hoekstra

PM – Roger & Janet Ver Hage

Library

Faith Miedema

Lori Kitchner

Linda Pausma

Musical Praise

Praise Team 1

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Nursery

AM – Tabbie Vander Werff

Heather Hoekstra

Becca Smits

PM – Michelle Mulder

Gretchen Hoekstra

Offering

AM – Building Fund

PM – Education Fund

Pastoral Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

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Prayer Requests



Shut-Ins

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

Josie Looman
Bud Navis
Wilma Navis
Marion Scheuers
Howard Te Beest
Jerry & Jeanette Tjepkema
Minnie Tobak

Health Concerns

Allegra Bossenbroek's aunt whose hip infection has returned and is now at home under the care of Hospice.

Henrietta Buteyn's health has declined and Hospice has been called in. Some days are better than others.

Keith & Sue Buwalda's cousin, Isaiah Mulder, has been gaining in blood count since his transplant but is now experiencing respiratory problems. Pray that his body can effectively fight against this.

Percy De Vries' brother, Jim, who underwent tongue cancer surgery.

Elmer and Jeanette Decker as they recover emotionally and physically from an auto accident and now mourn the loss of their daughter, Donna. Jeanette is in Madison with a broken hip, ankle, and back. Remember also the family of the motorcyclist who died.

The Joe Durant family in the passing of Joe's mother, Barbara.

Former member **Peter Gorter** who is under Hospice's care.

Continued healing for **Glen Greenfield**.

Gene Hofman's mother received good news that she does not have lymphoma. She will be undergoing additional tests to try to determine why her lymph system is enlarged.

Harry Homan's complete recovery from surgery.

Brenda Kamhuis and her brother, **Fred Haan**, as they struggle with Muscular Dystrophy.

Lois Mulder's nephew, Josh Schultz, who broke two leg bones in a snowmobile accident.

Wilma Navis as she recovers from surgery.

Conrad Rens as he struggles with his Tourette's syndrome.

Marion Scheuers is experiencing severe pain in both legs.

Merle & Dorothy Schouten's nephew's wife who had a pancreas transplant.

Orlene Smits' nephew, Mark Vossekuil, is in Madison Hospital with blood clots in his lungs.

Howard & Nina Te Beest as they adjust to Howard's move.

Brian Ten Pass as he recovers from surgery.

Sam & Sylvia Vander Galien's daughter-in-law, Alyssa, who was hospitalized for reoccurring stomach pain.

Louie & Nancy Wierenga's son-in-law recently lost his mother and father.

Kristi Zonnefeld's dad has been hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

Military

Wiebe & Ruth Buwalda's grandson, Peter Woreck (Afghanistan)

Larry & Trix Daane's granddaughter, Holly Daane (Beal AFB, CA), and **grandson, Jeff Daane** (Ft. Bliss, TX)

Sam Daane (Beal AFB, CA)

Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing (Mosul, Iraq)

Casey Derksen (Ft. Bliss, TX)

Chaplain Peter Hofman (Ft. Drum, NY)

Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry (Iraq)

Requests

Pray that the **Van Hill's house** in Holland, MI, will be sold.

Pray for **Norika**, whose interest in the Christian faith was rekindled through Back to God Ministries International Japanese radio broadcasts. Norika requested our Bible study materials and information about a church in her neighborhood. Pray that these materials and the members of the local church will help Norika walk in faith.

Praise

Norm & Angela Buwalda's aunt, Hildred Loomans, was able to return home yesterday.

Glen Greenfield's successful surgery.

Bob Mulder's mother was able to return home from the hospital.

**To add or remove a prayer request, please inform Marla.
All requests will remain on the prayer list until notified otherwise.**

Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today?" So she did, and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today?" So she did, and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply,

Love generously,

Care deeply,

Speak kindly,

Leave the rest to God.