

**Embrace AIDS Sunday**



“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...”

Isaiah 49:15-16a

# 9:30 AM Worship

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

### \*God's Greeting

### \*We Greet Each Other

### \*Opening Hymn: "Now, Thank We All Our God" G454 vs. 1 and 3

### Words of Confession, Assurance and Pardon (responsively)

**Leader:** O God, You call yourself our father,  
you care for us like our mother,  
you came to live beside us as a brother.  
But we confess that we do not act like your children.  
We confess that we are too often selfish, prideful, worried, and hateful.  
For these our sins,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** You have given life to us as a gift.  
You meant for that gift to be a blessing to us and to those around us.  
But so many suffer, and we hardly notice.  
So many have no opportunity to live the abundant life you mean for them.  
We confess that we have not noticed the suffering of your people.  
For these our sins,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** All around the world, and even in our own region, people suffer with HIV and AIDS.  
While you call us to compassion, we are moved to judgment.  
While you call us to service, we make excuses.  
While you call us to kingdom-building, we prefer ignorance.  
We confess to indifference in the face of AIDS.  
For these our sins,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the suffering of the world,  
its war and famine, disease and injustice.  
While we sleep soundly, many go to bed hungry, ill, alone, or afraid.  
We confess that we often feel comfortable in a world that cries out for your Shalom.  
For these our sins,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Leader:** O Lord, forgive us.  
And teach us again what it means to be your children.

**All: Have mercy on us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Song of Dedication:** "Praise Him All Ye Little Children" R188 vs.1

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

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

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

**Song of Dedication:** "Praise Him All Ye Little Children" R188 vs.2-3

**\*Scripture:** Isaiah 49:14-18

**Sermon:** "God Can't Forget His Children"

**Prayer of Application**

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper:** G984

**Song of Praise:** "Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone" led by the Choir

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** CRWRC

**\*Benediction**

**\*Embrace AIDS litany** (responsively)

**Leader:** Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** God will not forget the orphan whose parents are only memories, but who is enfolded into a community of care and nurture.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** God will not forget the recently diagnosed man, driven to educate others so they won't repeat his life-threatening mistake.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** God will not forget the wife who learns she is HIV positive through the infidelity of her husband, and who finds the grace to forgive and move forward.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** God will not forget the HIV-positive immigrant here in our country, whose lack of insurance means they will not get the treatment we often take for granted.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** God will not forget us as he calls his church to join the great work of hope, healing, and kingdom-building he is doing.

**People:** I will not forget you, says the Lord.

**Leader:** We will not forget to embrace those who are infected, those who are left behind, those who are cast-out, those who are brushed-off, those who are without options, those who can't get treatment. We will not forget.

**People: We, the body of Christ, will not forget you.**

**Leader:** We will not forget to embrace those with AIDS. “Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you,” says the Lord.

**All: Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Amen.**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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***Accompanist***

Laura Ten Pass

***Children & Worship***

Teacher: Lauren Durant

Helpers: Jon De Jager

Breanna Smits

***Greeters***

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

***Nursery***

Bonnie, Lucas, & Dylan Vander Berg

***Sound System***

Seth Aylesworth

***Transportation***

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

***Ushers***

Norm Buwalda

Tyler Jansen

Austin Montsma

Dan Montsma

***Video Projection***

Gregg Zonnefeld

***Missionary Letters***

Howard Te Beest to Daryl Pfantz<sup>+</sup>

Morris Te Grootenhuis to Brother Bob

Ken Ten Pas to Chaplain Peter

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

***Notes & Prayer Requests***

## 7:00 PM Worship

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Time of Praise:** Den Vande Berg

**Pastoral Prayer:** Keith Venhuizen

**We Study God's Word:** Genesis 42:14-38

**Prayer of Application**

**Offering:** Building Fund

**\*Benediction**

**\*Parting Song:** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (see screen, sing twice)

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

### **Greeters**

Louie & Nancy Wierenga

### **Library**

Faith Miedema

Lori Kitchner

Linda Pausma

### **Nursery**

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## **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 a unique combination of **Mother's Day** and **Embrace AIDS Sunday**. We honor the mothers who have blessed us with the gift of life itself, the mothers who have trained us in the fear of the Lord, and those who have loved us with an everlasting (though not perfect) love. We also stand beside those around the world who are impacted by poverty, hunger, and AIDS; many of whom are motherless. This morning's offering is for the work of the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) in developing countries where AIDS affect millions of men, women, and children each day.

This morning we also 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).

**Verse of the Week: Isaiah 49:15** "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

## **Church Family**

**We extend our sympathies** to the Den and Nancy Vande Berg family in the passing of Nancy's uncle, Don Mittelstaedt, this past Monday. At the same time, we rejoice that his painful struggle with cancer is now over and he has once again been made whole.

**Tyler Ten Pass** underwent surgery this past Tuesday. He had a rod and nail put in to correct a stress fracture in his leg. Pray for complete healing.

**Wilma Navis** had a good report from the oncologist. There is no cancer present at this time. Thanks to God for her healing!

**"Thanks to everyone** who remembered me with prayers and cards while I was recuperating at the nursing home." – Orlene Smits



**Orlene Smits** has moved to Room 4A in Friendship Haven located at 10 Pluim Drive. Her phone number remains the same.

**Delia Buteyn** fell on Monday. Thankfully she was not seriously hurt and didn't break anything. God was watching over her as it could have been more serious. Pray for her speedy recovery.

**Belated congratulations** to Bob & Kathy Bille who celebrated an anniversary this past Tuesday, May 5. (Sorry for the oversight.)

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

<b><u>Anniversary:</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>
Howard & Pat Loomans	14

*Congratulations*

<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>
Jon De Jager	10	Owen Kooima 12
Joyce Haan	10	Josie Kooima 12
Roland Buchholz	11	Bob Rens 14
Cassidy Ritzema	11	Merle Schouten 15
Lori Kitchner	12	Sylvia Vander Galien 15
Abel Kooima	12	Janice De Vries 16

## **Church News**

**Revised Office Hours this week:** Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

**Office Hours for May:** Marla is on call for Jury Duty during the month of May and will not know until the evening before if she needs to serve. Please check the website calendar for office hour revisions.

**Parents of children attending Camp Calvin** should contact Keren for the reimbursement from the General Fund.

**From the library:** Someone brought a DVD back and put a note on the DVD that said it didn't work. I took the DVD home and it worked fine in my player. I have found recently that some of the older DVD players will not play the new DVD's. Don't know why, but I know that people have had to buy new players. So, if you get a DVD and it doesn't work, that may be why. But if a DVD is returned, I will check them out to see if they will play. Thanks. - Allegra

**A photo of our church's first building** (basement church) is posted on the narthex bulletin board. If you know what year it was built or who the men on the photo are, please fill in the sheet on the counter.

**Please pick up your funeral bowls/containers** from the kitchen counter by May 24. After that, they will be donated to Bargains Galore.


**Today's classes conclude** this year's Sunday School/Catechism season. Thanks to all who, in a variety of ways, implement their baptism vows to our children by "help[ing] instruct them in the faith."

**Council requests input from members** regarding the Back to God Hour program on Waupun's 1170 AM station. Due to budget constraints, The Back to God Hour International is no longer financing its Sunday morning broadcast. In order to not lose the broadcast time-slot, Council has decided to fund the programming during the month of May at a cost of \$45 per week. Bethel, Alto, Living Hope (Fox Lake), First Randolph, Second Randolph, Faith Community (Beaver Dam), and Covenant (Appleton) CRC's have been contacted to see if there is an interest in continuing the programming by funding it locally among the churches. Please inform any council member of your thoughts on this matter before tomorrow's council meeting.

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

**Mary/Martha Society** will meet at 11:30 AM this Wednesday at Helen's Kitchen for their closing fellowship.

**SWaT:** Bring your bike to Bethel CRC at 2:00 PM this Saturday for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Amazing Race. We will finish with a light supper. Please, RSVP to Pat Bresser at 324-3991 or bresser4@att.net if you plan to be there. We also need some adults to help out. Let Pat know if you are available.

 Come and enjoy good conversation, treats and topics. All mothers of children age birth to kindergarten are invited to attend Waupun **MOPS** this Thursday at Bethel CRC. Come join us for an evening of growth and encouragement. All are welcome! Meetings are 6:30-8:30 PM on the second Thursday of the month.

**Next Sunday morning the Sunday School kids** will be singing during the service. They will not be meeting before to practice.

**Go Fish Bible Study** will meet at 5:15 PM next Sunday.

**Crocodile Dock VBS:** A lot of work has been taking place to get ready for Crocodile Dock. We need to get the word out in the community! We will have a float again this year in the Memorial Day Parade. We would love to have lots of kids (& adults) either on

the float or walking next to it. Please sign up in the narthex to get more details. Hope to see you there!

**Crocodile Dock VBS CD's** are available for \$4.00. We are using a new company for VBS this year, and we are not able to burn CD's for the kids this year. If you would like to purchase a CD, contact Bonnie Vander Berg (324-0801).

**It's still not too late ...** Camp Calvin wants your son or daughter the week of June 21-27. This is an opportunity for them to experience a life-changing experience. So we're waiving the late fee just to be sure they don't miss out on all the fun & excitement. So hurry up & register your son or daughter before camp fills up ... and it is too late.

## Community



The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class of CWC will be performing “**Someone Save My Baby, Ruth!**” this Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the high school gym. This melodrama will have you cheering, booing, and giggling like a kid in a candy store. So come satisfy your sweet tooth with a night of entertainment, laughs, and plenty of candy. A free-will offering to cover production expenses is the only cost of admission.

The Music Department of CWC would like to invite you to their “**Celebration Concert**” (formerly known as Pops Concert) this Thursday at 7:00 PM in the high school gym. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our students and share the talents that God has abundantly blessed us with this year. This concert features state solo and ensemble participants, the junior choir, senior choir, New Generation Singers, and the band. A freewill offering will be taken. Please plan on celebrating God's goodness with us.



For the last 39 years, **Roger Karsten** has faithfully served Central Wisconsin Christian in our math and science departments. On this Friday a celebration will be held in Roger's honor to commemorate his outstanding contributions to the lives of kids. An **Open House** will run from 6:00–8:30 PM with a special program held at 7:30 PM. Please join us as we remember God's faithfulness through Mr. Karsten.

**There is time to still time to sign up! The Cary Mississippi group is in need of more volunteers.** The mission trip is June 27 - July 4. This service project will help make a difference in the lives of those less privileged in the US. Please pray for this service project that there will be enough volunteers to bring the Lord's blessings to this area of the country. Individuals and families of all ages are invited. If you are able to serve please contact Jared Oosterhouse at 920-960-3338 or Andy Westra at 920-296-4477 by Friday.

**The Christian Home & Rehab Center Garage and Bake Sale!!** There will be a Garage/Bake Sale fundraiser for The Christian Home & Rehab Center on Friday and Saturday at The Christian Homestead (1001 W. Brown St.). To donate garage sale items, contact Jan Newton at 324-6560. Contact Fawn Senn at 324-9051 to donate bake sale items. Please deliver garage sale items by tomorrow and bake sale items on the Friday. Thank you!

**Are you single? Would you like to get away for a weekend?** Then this is for you. Green Lake Singles Retreat with Peder Eide May 22-25. Spiritually, physically and emotionally rejuvenate and connect with new friends during Memorial Day weekend! If you haven't witnessed Peder Eide firsthand then you need to take this opportunity. For more information contact Rebecca at (920) 294-7213 or RebeccaReeves@glcc.org. To register call (920) 294-3323.

**What does being a "good steward" have to do with estate planning?** It helps you maximize the impact of the resources God has entrusted to you. And, Don Long, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will show you how. As a member of the CRC a confidential Estate Planning consultation is available to you at no charge and with no obligation. Don Long will be meeting with Christian families in this area from May 26-May 29. Just call Barnabas Foundation toll-free at 888-448-3040 to set up an appointment to meet with Don.

**The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life** will be held on June 19-20. Anyone interested in organizing a team from our church is asked to contact Marla.

### **Church Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Gatechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	10:45 AM	4-year old through 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School/Catechism
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
<b>Mon:</b>	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	8:00 PM	Council
<b>Wed:</b>	11:30 AM	Mary/Martha @ Helen's
	7:00 PM	Youth Group (Lunch: Jon & Jason)
<b>Thu:</b>	6:30 PM	MOPS @ Bethel CRC
<b>Sat:</b>	2:00 PM	SWaT Amazing Race @ Bethel CRC

### **I Said a Mother's Day Prayer for You** (author unknown)

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!

## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – Brenda Hofman

PM – Junice Rens

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

Dominique Van Hill

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

Teacher: Beth Andrew

Helpers: Jordan De Jager  
Trevor Zonnefeld

### ***Greeters***

AM – Dave & Lori Venhuizen

PM – John & Arlene De Jager

### ***Library***

Nancy Wierenga

Sandy Greenfield

Marge Vande Streek

### ***Musical Praise***

Mike Vander Berg

### ***Nursery***

AM – Dale & Beth Andrew

Heather Hoekstra

PM – Scott & Jenny Ritzema

### ***Offering***

AM – Classical Ministry Shares

PM – Local Budget

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Gregg Zonnefeld

### ***Sound System***

Dan Scheuers

### ***Transportation***

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Randall Greenfield

## **Notes & Prayer Requests**

# ***Prayer Requests***



## **Shut-Ins**

**Gerald Bossenbroek**  
**Delia Buteyn**  
**Ruby Buteyn**  
**Hazel Buwalda**  
**Bea Heideman**  
**Eugene Kikkert**  
**Millie Kuiper**  
**Josie Looman**

**Bud Navis**  
**Wilma Navis**  
**Marion Scheuers**  
**Orlene Smits**  
**Howard Te Beest**  
**Jerry & Jeanette Tjepkema**  
**Minnie Tobak**

## **Health Concerns**

**Jeanette Decker** as she receives speech and physical therapy at the Christian Home.  
**Gene Hofman's mother, Kathryn, and her husband, Don,** as they struggle with cancer.  
**Harry Homan's** complete recovery from surgery.  
**Conrad Rens** as he struggles with his Tourette's syndrome.  
**Marion Scheuers** is experiencing severe pain in both legs.  
Healing for **Tyler Ten Pass's** leg fracture.

## **Military**

**Wiebe & Ruth Buwalda's grandson, Peter Woreck** (Afghanistan)  
**Larry & Trix Daane's granddaughter, Holly Daane** (Beal AFB, CA), and **grandson, Jeff Daane** (Iraq)  
**Sam Daane** (Beal AFB, CA)  
**Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing** (Mosul, Iraq)  
**Casey Derksen** (Iraq)  
**Chaplain Peter Hofman** (Ranger School)  
**Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry** (Iraq)

## **Praise**

**Keith & Sue Buwalda's 5 year-old cousin, Isaiah Mulder** was able to return home and is doing well. He was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia in March, 2008. In October, 2008, he was also diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome and had a bone marrow transplant this past December.  
**Wilma Navis'** good oncology report.

## **Requests**

Pray for **those desiring to be parents** but are unable to have children at this time.

Pray for the Lord's blessings on the "seeds" that were planted through the **pastoral training in the Philippines** provided by Pastor Haan and Evangelist Dave Katsma.

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

Pray for those working on **VBS** and that the Lord will send many children who will be blessed by that week.

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