



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, log onto the church website or contact Pastor Craig or the church office.

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.

Pastor Craig Van Hill

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This week's office hours:

Tuesday 10 AM – 3 PM

Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Bulletin announcements deadline: **Thursday 9:00 AM**

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9:30 AM Worship

The Opening

Prelude

*We Greet Each Other

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: "I've Come to Tell" G250

*God's Greeting

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession: Romans 3:9-12

Song of Dedication: "God, Be Merciful to Me"
G255 vs. 1-4

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:21-25

God's Call to Gratitude

We Hear the Word of God

Children's Lesson led by Ken Homan
(Children aged 3 years through 4th grade
may come forward for the Children's
Lesson.)

Song of Preparation: "I Will Sing of the
Mercies of the Lord" G169 vs.1-2
(Children aged 3-6 may leave for
Children's Worship in the upstairs Youth
Room during the song.)

*Scripture: Psalm 104:24-30; Matthew 15:21-
28

Sermon: "A Cry for Mercy"

1. The Deep Dependence
2. The Wasteful Waywardness
3. The Positive Position

Prayer of Application

The Response of the People

*Song of Response: "With Grateful Heart My
Thanks I Bring" G183 vs. 1-4

Prayers of the People

Offering: Classical Ministry Shares

Dismissed to Serve

*Parting Song: "O Come, My Soul, Sing
Praise to God" G297 vs.1-3

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow" G637

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Accompanist

Junice Rens

Children & Worship

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Dylan Vander Berg
Thomas Venhuizen

Greeters

Al & Renae Venhuizen

Library

Arlene De Jager

Jan De Vries

Marge Vande Streek

Nursery

Allen Stahmann Family

Sound System

Dan Scheuers

Transportation

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Dale Huizenga

Seth Huizenga

Jacob Mulder

Keith Venhuizen

Video Projection

Marla De Jager

Missionary Letters

Keith Buwalda to Daryl Pfantz

Kevin Buwalda to Brother Bob⁺

Norm Buwalda to Chaplain Peter

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

7:00 PM Worship

The Opening

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Opening Song: "God Himself Is with Us"
G244 vs. 1-3

*God's Greeting

Time of Prayer and Praise

Musical Praise led by Elaine Homan

Pastoral Prayer (including requests) led by
Ken Homan

We Hear the Word of God

*Scripture: Psalm 103

Text: Psalm 103:13

Sermon: "Our Heavenly Father"

1. The Prestigious Person
2. The Fascinating Family
3. The Majestic Magnificence

Prayer of Application

The Response of the People

*Song of Response: "My God, How Wonderful
You Are" G499 vs.1-6

*Affirmation of Faith: G813

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Local Budget

The Dismissal

*Parting Song: "Blest Be the Tie That
Binds" G315 vs.1-6

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Unto God Almighty" G620
vs.3

*Time of Meditation

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Greeters

Harry & Karen Venhuizen

Nursery

Kim Greenfield

Trevor Zonnefeld

Sound System

Dan Scheuers

Transportation

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

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Marla De Jager

Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshiping with us. 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 will lead our worship today. The theme of the morning worship will be the mercies of God in which we see the sovereignty of God but also our dependence on Him as well as a positive outlook on life. The theme of the evening worship will be the Fatherhood of God in which we see a tender side of God but also His greatness which gives us peace.



Church Family

“One of my legs has healed, but the other leg is still painful. Thank you for your prayers.” – **Marion Scheuers**

Liz Van Zanen has returned from Washington and is doing well.



Bud Navis has moved to Room 418 and **Ruby Buteyn** is in Room 303 at the Christian Home. They, along with our other shut-ins, would appreciate visits from fellow church members.

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

<u>Anniversaries:</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Aug</u>
Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld	10	Jean Tjepkema	9
Kevin & Andrea Buwalda	13	Yvonne Greenfield	11
Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff	13	Makenna Morgan	12
		Anthony Scheuers	12
		Jed Hofman	13
		Dewey Pausma	15
		Teri Voight	15

Congratulations!

August 4

Greetings

The tropical rains continue. Seems there have been some thirteen major storms this year although the exact count is unclear. Some are “depressions”, others “tropical storms” or “severe tropical storms”, and some simply “typhoons”. None seem as brutal as the devastating storms labeled “typhoons” in the Southeastern USA yet all bring great blasts of wind and immeasurable amounts of rain and there is presently no end in sight.



As we travel throughout our three-island circuit, we spend a far greater amount of time “out in the weather” than the time spent teaching in the prisons. It is not unusual to spend eight hours of travelling in one day's teaching in four prisons.

Yet we are rewarded and encouraged by inmate response as they often wonder and frequently ask what keeps us going.

You do - those of you who stand with us in the Lord's promises.

No “woe is me” missive this. Just a plea for informed prayer regarding God's protection and providential safety and the impact of God's Truth on the scores who listen each week and the some who digest and adapt - even as they endure Filipino prison life.

God keep you - and us.

Brother Bob and Neen

Church News



Thank you to those who delivered mobile meals during the month of July.

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 10:00 AM–3:00 PM; Thursday and Friday 9:00-11:30 AM. Please submit bulletin announcements by **9:00 AM** on Thursday. Thank you.

This week's **Co-ed Softball game** will be played on Tuesday instead of Thursday. Come on out and support the team!



College Students (or parents thereof): If you will be living away from home, please inform Marla of your college address, phone, and email as soon as possible.

Please pick up your container from the kitchen counter. After August 16, it will be donated to Bargain's Galore.

Needed: Items for the next issue of *First Family Ties*. Do you have a favorite old photo you are willing to share? Do you have a recipe that needs sharing? Maybe you know something about another member that is newsworthy, or your child has written something worth sharing... Please help us keep the newsletter full of interesting bits of information by sharing with us—we need your help! Articles can be emailed to Lois at muldelj@powercom.net or placed in her mailslot by August 16.

Advance Notice: Care Group 5 invites everyone to stay for a time of refreshments and fellowship with Brother Bob and Neen Kocmoud after the morning service on August 23.



Look for the **Focus on Leadership** brochure in your mailslot today. We will be hosting this practical hands-on workshop for leaders, deacons, teachers, Bible study coordinators, and church leaders on Sunday, August 30. Council will cover the registration cost of First CRC attendees, but please still fill out the registration form by August 24 if you wish to attend.

Care Group 8 is organizing a yarn drive for the Waupun Correctional Institution. One of their many community services programs is a crocheting program, whereby inmates crochet items from baby caps and booties to afghans, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. All of their finished projects are donated to non-profit organizations such as Pregnancy Help Center, Food Pantries, SAVS (Sexual Assault Victim Services) Providers, The Cathedral Center, Beacon House, Naomi House, Relay for Cancer, Women's & Children's Horizons, Head Start, and many more. In the past, Waupun Correctional Institution has purchased the yarn for these projects with institution program funds; however, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to continue this program without help. Please place your donated yarn (preferable "Red Heart" brand or softer baby yarns – no "eyelash"/fuzzy yarn, please.) of all standard colors in the narthex container by September 6. Thank you!



Community News

County Line Lutheran Church (W10505 County Road AW, Markesan) is holding a **German Service** at 2:00 PM today. All are welcome. A pie and ice cream reception will follow. See the bulletin board for additional information.

The Zion Congregational (old stone church, Alto) annual service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 16. Pastor Cal Vande Zande will present the message with special music by Norm Jansma and Hearts of Grace. There will be a free-will offering. Refreshments will be served after the service.



The Christian Home & Rehab. Center Pie Social: Come to our good old-fashioned pie social, serving delicious homemade pies, ice cream, BBQ sandwiches, and beverages held on Wednesday, August 26, from 5 to 7 PM at the Christian Living Center. Free-will donations will be accepted with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a computer for the residents.

Needed: Donations of at least 10 homemade pies from our church for the Christian Home & Rehab Center Pie Social. Please sign the sheet in the narthex by next Sunday if you are willing to contribute to this ministry. Contact Sue Buwalda if questions: 324-3929 or 382-5371.

Wish List: The Christian Home Transitional Care Unit is in need of supplies for the patients: playing cards, board games (Sequence, Scrabble, Checkers, Cribbage, etc), Dominoes, hand held electronic games, puzzles, “fresh” magazines, construction paper & markers, craft items, DVD’s, nail care supplies. If you have any good used items, can purchase an item, or have any questions please contact Sabrina Karst, TCU Activities, at sabrinak@christian-home.org or 324-9051. THANK YOU!

Lynn Austin is the featured speaker at the **Bible League Volunteers Retreat** at Living Home Community Church in Fox Lake on September 22. She is a former teacher who now writes and speaks full time. Lynn has won three Christy Awards for her historical fiction. The deadline for registering is September 8. All men (as well as other friends) are encouraged to come to the banquet and evening concert with music by the Siegmann Family. There is a charge for the banquet—be sure to include the men in your reservation. For more information, contact Phyllis Hofman or Margaret Miedema.

Church Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
Mon:	7:00 PM	Elder’s Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon’s Meeting
	8:00 PM	Council
Tue:	7:00 PM	Co-ed Softball @ Edgewood
Thu:	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	REVISED Office Hours
Fri:	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	REVISED Office Hours

Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Brenda Hofman
PM – Cara Aylesworth

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: Lauren Durant
Helpers: Lexi De Jager
Joe Bresser

Greeters

AM – Dick & Barb Heeringa
PM – Glen & Sandy Greenfield

Library

Angela Buwalda
Marcia Buteyn
Rose Homan

Musical Praise

Nancy Vande Berg

Nursery

AM – Katie & Lexi De Jager
Heather Hoekstra
PM – Scott & Jenny Ritzema

Offering

AM – Education Fund
PM – Youth Unlimited

Pastoral Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

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Notes & Prayer Requests

Prayer List



Shut-Ins

Gerald Bossenbroek
Delia Buteyn
Hazel Buwalda
Bea Heideman
Junice Kamphuis
Eugene Kikkert
Millie Kuiper

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

Health Concerns

Bob Bille's father, Marvin, as he undergoes radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.

Gene Hofman's mother, Kathryn, as she deals with cancer.

Thanks that **Marion Scheuers'** one leg has healed. Pray for healing in her other leg.

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

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

Requests

Pray for **school teachers** as they prepare their classrooms, minds, and hearts for another year. That the Lord will richly bless their ministry as they touch the lives of today's youth.

Pray that the bank will accept the offer for a short sale on the **Van Hill's house** in Holland, MI.

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

CRWRC-Disaster Response Services



On July 15, a hulking barge floating FEMA materials upriver brought more than building supplies to the tiny village of Tanana, Alaska. It brought hope—hope to 23 needy families left homeless here by last spring’s destructive floods. On the shore, a team of volunteers from CRWRC-Disaster Response Services (CRWRC-DRS) was ready for those materials—ready to rebuild homes . . . and lives.

“These are subsistence level folks who live off the land. That’s why it is so critical to help them. Their homes were destroyed, and they have already focused a lot of time on clean up. They need the summer to hunt, fish, and cut firewood,” notes Jay De Boer, regional manager for CRWRC-DRS.

CRWRC-DRS staff and volunteers prepared the 23 homes for reconstruction before the barge arrived. Some of the homes had to be re-leveled as post-and-pillar foundations lack the stability of concrete. CRWRC-DRS Tanana construction coordinator, Arnie Gustafson, is rallying the waves of volunteers as they install sheetrock, electrical, and complete finish details in all 23 homes. Volunteer teams will rotate out every two weeks under the leadership of site manager Mike Tigchelaar: His goal is to have the homes completed by the end of September--before wintry weather blows in.

CRWRC-DRS has "adopted" Tanana and is making repairs with supplies provided by FEMA and other agencies. DeBoer is collaborating with other faith-based organizations in the area, including Menonite Disaster Service, which has adopted the village of Eagle, Alaska, with financial help and resources from Samaritan's Purse. Other organizations assisting in the response include United Methodist, Mennonite, Lutheran, and Catholic relief agencies, to name a few,

“There is a great spirit of cooperation between faith-based volunteers, FEMA, and the state. It’s a great experience seeing that cooperation. Everyone recognizes the urgency; there is no competition. That was what struck me the most--everyone working together to get people back on their feet,” he says.

In addition to providing building materials and transportation for them, partnership with FEMA in Tanana means skilled CRWRC-DRS volunteers who commit two weeks of their time to the project have their travel costs covered. The village is housing the volunteers and meals are being arranged locally.

To financially support this ministry, mark your envelope **CRWRC-DRS ALASKA** and in an offering bag.