



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.

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Office hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM – 3 PM

Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon

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9:30 AM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Song of Praise; "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" R210 vs.1-3

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Will

Baptism of Olivia Vander Werff: G957

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

Baptismal Song: "Find Your Wings" by Pete Vander Werff

***Scripture:** Proverbs 25:15

We Study God's Word: "Gentleness"

Prayer

***Song of Response:** "Near to the Heart of God" R617 vs.1-3

Brother Bob Outreach Update

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian Reformed World Missions

*Benediction

***Doxology:** "Near to the Heart of God" R617 vs. 3 and "All Grace and Peace" vs. 2 (see screen)

*Postlude

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Children & Worship

Teacher: Beth Andrew

Helpers: Jason De Jager
Austin Huizenga

Greeters

Greg & Kim Root

Library

Lexi De Jager

Linda Pausma

Nancy Wierenga

Nursery

Dan & Gladys Montsma

Cody Zonnefeld

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Glen Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Dale Huizenga

Seth Huizenga

Jacob Mulder

Keith Venhuizen

Video Projection

Mike Vander Berg

Missionary Letters

Jack De Jager to Daryl Pfantz⁺

John De Jager to Brother Bob

Percy De Vries to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

7:00 PM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Opening Song of Praise: "Shout to the Lord" (see screen)

Pastoral Prayer led by Keith Venhuizen

We Study God's Word

Scripture: Genesis 49

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"
(see screen)

Affirmation of Faith: Our World Belongs to God,
#35-36, G1029-1030

#35 - The Bible is the Word of God,
record and tool of his redeeming work.
It is the Word of Truth,
fully reliable in leading us to know God
and have life in Jesus Christ

#36 - The Bible tells God's mighty acts
in the unfolding of covenant history.
It is one revelation in two Testaments,
which shows a single plan of salvation,
and reveals God's will infallibly.
As God's people hear the Word, and do it,
they are equipped for discipleship,
to witness to the good news:
Our world belongs to God and he loves it deeply.

Offering: Local Budget

Benediction

Parting Song: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"
G155

***Postlude**

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Greeters

Gregg and Kristi Zonnefeld

Nursery

Dominique Van Hill
Breanna Smits

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

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Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping 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



We rejoice with Pete and Tabbie Vander Werff in the **baptism of Olivia Marcie** this morning.

We welcome **Brother Bob** as he worships with us and updates us about his prison ministry.



Verse of the Week: Proverbs 25:15 “Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”

Church Family

Care Group 5 invites everyone to stay for a time of refreshments and fellowship with **Brother Bob** after the morning service.



“Praise be to God for his protection over our nephew, **Jonathan Sturing**, while he was an armored transport driver in Iraq! He has safely returned state-side and is now at Fort Carson in Colorado. Thanks for your prayers.” – Jack & Marla De Jager

“Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, and cards after the death of Tiffany’s sister. Special thanks to Pastor Craig for doing the memorial service.” – **Jason & Tiffany Derksen family**



Lauren Durant

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Liz Venhuizen is attending UW-Oshkosh this fall. Her email address is now venhue61@uwosh.edu

The following students are attending Dordt this fall. Notes of correspondence can be sent to their DC box number listed below at 651 6th St. NE, Sioux Center, IA, 51250-1668.

Beth Aalsma	DC2001	bthlsm@dordt.edu
Jon De Jager	DC2363	jnthndjg@dordt.edu
Kelli Durant	DC2427	kldrnt@dordt.edu
Eric Homan	DC2580	rchmn@dordt.edu
Erin Homan	DC2564	rnhmn@dordt.edu
Travis Mulder	DC2068	trvsmldr@dordt.edu
Nate Scheuers	DC2947	ntschr@s@dordt.edu
Grace Venhuizen	DC2660	grcvnhzn@dordt.edu
Joel Venhuizen	DC3329	jlvnhzn@dordt.edu

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>
Merle & Dorothy Schouten	25	Scott Ritzema	25
<i>Congratulations!</i>		Tiffany Derksen	27
		Junice Rens	27

Church News

Council notes from August 17, 2009:

- 1) Council officers are Pastor Craig, President; Den Vande Berg, Vice-President; Jim Groenewold, Clerk; and John Bronkhorst, Comptroller.
- 2) Deacon duties are Randall Greenfield, Chairman; Dave Venhuizen, Secretary; Joe Durant, Benevolent Fund; Gene Hofman, Faith Promise; Todd Schouten, Building Fund Rep.
- 3) Elder Wayne Miedema and Deacon Brian Ten Pas have been assigned to Care Group 4 and Elder Glenn Greenfield and Deacon Todd Schouten have been assigned to Care Group 8.
- 4) The publication "*Nurture*" was discussed by the council and a motion was made and carried to subscribe to this publication. Council feels this paper will be very helpful to both parents and grandparents in the areas of raising children. See description and sign-up information in the announcement below.
- 5) Pastor Craig and Elder Bob Mulder will be attending Classis at the Sheboygan Hmong CRC on September 22. Elder Glen Greenfield will be the alternate.
- 6) The September communion service will be moved to October 4 to coincide with Worldwide Communion Sunday.
- 7) Beginning in November, greeters will be assigned in alphabetical order from the church directory. Please contact Marla if you wish to have your name removed from the list.
- 8) The denomination has been asked by Synod to study the New Belhar Confession. Pastor Craig is willing to lead this study if there is enough interest from the congregation.

Families need tools to help make natural but meaningful spiritual connections with their kids. The bimonthly newsletter ***Nurture*** from CRC-NA is full of fresh, fun, and do-able ideas that real families can use. See the sample on the bulletin board and sign up in the narthex if you would like to receive this valuable resource. Regular columns include

- *Questions Kids Ask*: tips for tackling big issues kids wonder about
- *Faith Talk*: family devotions that won't make kids (or parents) squirm
- *Ages and Stages*: insights into how kids grow spiritually
- *Fear Factor*: help for those "what do I do?" parenting moments
- *Rituals and Traditions*: God-centered family times you'll look forward to
- *Family Challenge*: fun ways to grow spiritually together

Council is looking for someone to coordinate our church's program at the Christian Home twice a year. Any groups and/or individuals willing to do this are asked to contact Mike Vander Berg.

Look for the **2009-10 Ministry Service Survey** in your mailslot today. Prayerfully consider where you can tithe your time and talents in serving each other in the congregation and within our community. Your completed form will be collected next Sunday, during the morning service. Extra forms are available on the counter.

Thank you to John Bronkhorst who has volunteered to head up the Cadet Program this fall.

Nursery Help Reminder: If you are unable to be in the nursery on your scheduled date, please call Kim Greenfield or Jen Ritzema. A visitor watched our nursery because we did not have any one there. Thank you.

Anyone who currently does not have their own **mailslot in the narthex** but would like one is asked to notify Marla.

Still Needed: A catechism teacher from September through December for the 7th/8th grade class. Please contact Brian O'Donovan ASAP to volunteer or if you have questions.

All those participating in the **Cedar Rapids service project** are asked to meet after the morning worship service.



Focus on Leadership Workshop:



- 1) We will be hosting this practical hands-on workshop for leaders, deacons, teachers, Bible study coordinators, and church leaders next Sunday afternoon. Council will cover the registration cost of First CRC attendees, but please still register online or fill out the registration form and place in the "RETURN" mailslot **by tomorrow** if you wish to attend. Extra forms are available on the counter.
- 2) Help is still needed. We will be serving our guests supper at CWC. Please sign up in the narthex **today** if you can donate a salad or bars/cookies or if you would be willing to help serve the meal.

Next Sunday morning there will be a special offering for the Service Trip to Cedar Rapids, IA. We have 22 people participating and our costs will be \$1,650 for housing, food, and travel. Thanks in advance for your support.

Mary/Martha Society will begin a new season next Wednesday, September 2. We will study "Women of the Bible". Our season will be divided—meeting September through November and March through May, breaking December through February. New people are always welcome.



Advanced Notice: Our evening service on September 6, Labor Day Sunday, will be a combined worship at Bethel CRC.

Community News

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!

The Waupun Area Food Pantry is in need of cream soups such as Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, and Cream of Celery. (No Tomato soup, please.) There will be a box in the narthex for the next couple weeks.

Recently you received a **love letter from the Bible League volunteers**. Please prayerfully consider supporting their project to provide Bibles and train nationals in Africa. **Please respond today**. Thanks for your support.



Central Wisconsin Christian invites you to a convocation service on the first day of school, tomorrow, at 10:30 AM as we ask God's blessing on a new school year. Pastor David Katsma from Marshview Ministries in Horicon will speak on the school theme of "Set your mind on things above." New students and staff will be introduced.

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 this Wednesday 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.



The Praise Team from First Reformed Church would like to invite you to a **Praise Concert at Harris Mill Park** this Thursday at 6:00 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a night of praise and fellowship.

Bargains Galore Thrift Store is planning its **4th Annual Community Day to benefit The Union Youth Center**. This charitable event will be held at Bargains Galore this Saturday from 10 AM–2 PM. Bargains Galore will be giving all money made from sales that day directly to The Union to help off-set their substantial monthly utility expenses. Currently, The Union incurs approximately \$2,000 of utility expenses for an average month. Another easy way you can make a difference is by donating cookie dough for The Union (homemade or pre-packaged.) On the Community Day, drop off cookie dough at the store and receive a \$5 Gift Certificate to Bargains Galore!

Agnesian HealthCare Hospice Hope has scheduled its 8th annual **"Widowed Before Retirement—Growing Through Grief"** for September 18-20 at the Cedar Valley Campus in West Bend. This free weekend retreat is for those who have lost their life partner to death before the age of retirement. It is a program where men and women, ages 18 to retirement, can work through the grieving process after a loved one has died. To register, call Agnesian HealthCare Journeys health resource center at (920) 926-4960. Registration deadline is Friday, September 4. For more information, contact S. Joyann Repp, Hospice Hope Bereavement Coordinator at (920) 924-4660.

Lynn Austin, an award-winning author, will be our featured speaker at the **Bible League Volunteers Retreat** on September 22 at Living Hope Community Church in Fox Lake. Invite some friends, and send in your registrations today. Don't forget that all men as well as other guests are invited to come for the banquet and for the concert by the Siegmann Family. Our theme this year is "Be Thou My vision." You can make an eternal difference in people's lives just by taking part in this retreat and contributing to the special offering. This event is designed to glorify God through music and great speakers, and to renew and uplift all who attend. If you need a brochure or more information, contact Phyllis Hofman or Margaret Miedema. The deadline for registering is September 8.

Church Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Fellowship with Brother Bob
10:45 AM Cedar Rapids service project meeting
7:00 PM Evening Worship

Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Lois Mulder
PM – Cara Aylesworth

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: (You will be contacted)
Helpers: Jason De Jager
Jordan De Jager

Greeters

AM – Allegra Bossenbroek
Lois Mulder
PM – Wayne & Faith Miedema

Library

Arlene De Jager
Lori Kitchner
Faith Miedema

Nursery

AM – Dale & Beth Andrew
Thomas Venhuizen
PM – Tabbie Vander Werff
Jason De Jager

Offering

AM – 1st Faith Promise
2nd Cedar Rapids Service Project
PM – Gideons

Pastoral Prayer

Al Venhuizen

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Seth Aylesworth

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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 grandson, Jeff Daane (Iraq)

Sam Daane (Beal AFB, CA)

Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing (Fort Carson, CO)

Casey Derksen (Iraq)

Chaplain Peter Hofman

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

Requests

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

Pray for **those attending college**, either locally or away from home, that they will stand firm in their faith and grow mentally and spiritually as they further prepare for their life mission.

Safe travels for **Brother Bob** as he returns to Neen and the Philippines.

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