

***“Enter into His gates  
with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts  
with praise.”  
Psalm 100:4***

## **First Christian Reformed Church**

**Waupun, Wisconsin**

### ***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

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

## Prelude

## \*Call to Worship

Songs of Praise led by Praise Team 1

## \*God's Greeting

## \*We Greet Each Other

God's Will: Responsive Reading of the Lord's Prayer (see screen)

### **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

We draw near to you with all holy reverence and confidence, coming as children to a father able and ready to help us as we pray together and for others. Enable us and others to glorify you in all that we do as we live and work in the creation that displays your power and mercy, and be pleased to dispose all things to your own glory.

### **Your kingdom come.**

We pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

### **Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

We pray that you, by your grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

### **Give us this day our daily bread.**

We pray that of your free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy your blessing with them.

### **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

We pray that you, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins—and we are encouraged to ask this because by your grace we are able from the heart to forgive others.

### **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

We pray that you would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

### **For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

We take our encouragement in prayer from you only, and in our prayers we praise you, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to you. And to testify of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say,

**Amen.**

**Song of Response:** “Give Us Clean Hands” (see screen)

(Children aged 3 years through 4<sup>th</sup> grade may come forward for the Children’s Message during the song.)

**Children’s Message** led by Marla De Jager

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

**Song:** “O Lord, You’re Beautiful” R643 vs. 1

**\*Scripture:** Colossians 4:2-6

**We Study God’s Word:** “Devoted to Prayer”

**Prayer**

**\*Response in Song:** “The Potter’s Hand” (see screen)

**Congregational and Offertory Prayer** (ending with choral response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” G624)

**Offering** for The Christian Home

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** “Doxology” (see screen)

**\*Postlude**

***Accompanist***

Lois Mulder

***Children & Worship***

Teacher: Dominique Van Hill

Helpers: Lynnae Smits

Cody Zonnefeld

***Fellowship Coffee***

Pete & Tabbie Vander Werff

***Greeters***

Gene & Toni Hofman

***Nursery***

Charlie & Lori Kitchner

Luke Jansen

***Sound System***

Seth Aylesworth

***Transportation***

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

***Ushers***

Jason De Jager

Seth Huizenga

Tyler Ten Pass

Keith Venhuizen

***Video Projection***

Mike Vander Berg

***Missionary Letters***

Dan S. to Daryl Pfantz

Winnnojean S. to Brother Bob<sup>+</sup>

Brad S. to Chaplain Peter

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

# 7:00 PM Worship

(\*Please stand if you are able)

## Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

Songs of Praise led by Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Keith Venhuizen

Offering for Education Fund

\*We Study God's Word: Nehemiah 5

## Prayer

\*Song of Response: "He Leadeth Me" R690 vs. 1 and 3

\*Affirmation of our Faith: "Our World Belongs to God" article 56 in unison, G1037

**Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do,  
for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule  
and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.**

**Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" R237 vs. 1-2

\*Postlude

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### ***Accompanist***

Laura Ten Pass

### ***Greeters***

Phil, Mary-Nell, & Anna Hofman

### ***Library***

Faith Miedema

Marge Vande Streek

Sandy Greenfield

### ***Nursery***

Katie De Jager

Jason De Jager

### ***Sound System***

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## 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.

The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Large-print bulletins and children's bulletins are available in the back sanctuary rack. Please feel free to check one of the "Visitor" mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.



## Worship Notes

**This morning's offering is for The Christian Home**—through the support of 16 area churches, provides it's residents Christian nursing care, assisted living, and rehabilitation.

**This evening's offering will be for the Education Fund**—to pay for Christian Education at CWCS for the children of the congregation. This fund may also be used to provide other educational programs within the church.

**Verses of the Week: Colossians 4:2-3** "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."

## Our Family

**New email address:** Lois Mulder  
lois.mulder@att.net



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

<u>Anniversaries:</u>	<u>Feb</u>		<u>Feb</u>
Sam & Beth Daane	17	Morris & Bea Te Grootenhuis	18
		<i>Congratulations!</i>	
<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Feb</u>		<u>Feb</u>
Sam Vander Galien	14	Vada Hofman	17
Cody Zonnefeld	14	Gretchen Schaver	17
Alexis De Jager	15	Collin Doerr	18
Martin Miedema	16	Eric Mulder	18
Thomas Venhuizen	16	Andrea Buwalda	19

## Church News

### **Council Notes from February 8, 2010:**

1. Classis Wisconsin will meet at 9:00 AM on February 23, 2010 at the Bethel CRC. Pastor Craig and Elder Glen Greenfield will represent our church. The council looked at two overtures:

- a. The first overture wants to require churches giving less than 80% of its classical and denominational ministry shares to provide written reasoning for not giving more. It also states that churches offering less than 50% should not be able to vote at classis. Our council feels that this is unfair since some churches are better off financially than others.
  - b. The second overture requested that we not adopt the Belhar Confession as one of our standards of unity since much of it is covered in our other confessions and they do not see a need to add a confession every time there is a new issue. Our council agreed with this overture.
2. It was decided that our church will begin advertising with the Action Shopper. An ad for our church will appear monthly and on special occasions as well as in the local chamber tourism pamphlet. This will be an effective way to get our worship times and location available for those that wish to worship with us.
  3. We are looking for someone that would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Union. Dave Venhuizen has held this position in the past. If you would like to be a member of this board contact either Dave Venhuizen or Scott Ritzema.
  4. Council is seeking individuals willing to drive fellow members to mid-week doctor appointments, etc., as needs arise. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or email the church office if you are willing to serve in this ministry.

**The Youth Group is going to Colorado!** This is the first year that the Youth Group has headed out west to camp. In order to inform parents and the church about our plans, we will be having a meeting in the sanctuary after this morning's service. We will be talking about the details of the trip, costs, and showing a short video. We will have time for any questions at the end as well. We would like to encourage anyone interested in what the Youth Group is doing to attend.

**Sunday Night Bible Study** will meet at the Zonnefeld's tonight at 5:30.



**Friendship Bible Study** will meet tomorrow at Bethel CRC. Kids (ages 7-18) at 5:45-6:45 PM; Adults at 7:00-8:00 PM.

**Cadets** will have a meeting this Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the CWC Elementary Campus.



**GEMS** will meet this Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at Bethel CRC.

Seniors, you won't want to miss the good food and fellowship at the **Senior Supper** this Wednesday. Punch is at 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there!



**The Women's Bible Study** has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, February 24.

**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](mailto:muldelj@powercom.net) or placed in her mailslot by next Sunday.

**Church Social Outing:** Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening of bowling and pizza at Jud-Sons on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 PM. This is a great activity for all ages! Please sign up in the narthex by next Sunday. Contact Steve or Melissa Wierenga with questions.



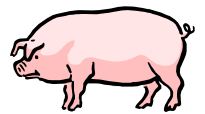
## **Community Happenings**

**The Christian Home Newsletter** is available on the narthex counter.



**Kingdom Kids 4K Pre-School** at Central Wisconsin Christian will be offering three sessions for the 2010-2011 school year. Three-day and two-day options are available in either our morning or afternoon programs. Sign-up for Kingdom Kids will begin tomorrow. To find out more, call the school office at 324-2721 or find more details online at [www.centralwisconsinchristian.org](http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org).

**Pork Chop Supper fundraiser** for Trinity Reformed's adult mission trip to Mt. Vernon, KY will be this Saturday from 5-8 PM. Tickets are \$8 in advance and includes pork chop, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll, milk, coffee, and dessert. Tickets can be purchased by calling the church office (324-2400). Tickets at the door will be \$8.50.



**Soup Supper:** The Youth Group at First Reformed Church at 422 W. Franklin Street in Waupun will be holding a soup and chili supper this Wednesday. Serving will be from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be taken to support youth group events throughout the year.

**Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer** of Fond du Lac County to receive a \$1,000 donation to the charity, school, or church of their choice. Nomination forms are available on the narthex counter and are due by February 25.

**Open Grief Support Group:** Agnesian HealthCare's Bereavement Program is happy to announce they will be starting a group in Waupun that will be open to all those interested in attending. Starting March 9, they will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:30 PM, in the St. Francis Room at Waupun Memorial Hospital. There is no registration required, and anyone is welcome to any of the meetings.

The Waupun Area Clergy Group is planning a **Military Prayer Service** for May 23, and would like to include photos and information on members who have served or are currently serving on Active duty or Reserve status in the military. Please pick up an information sheet from the narthex counter if you are interested in participating.



## **Around the World**

**The Summer Academy at Calvin College** is a real life "Calvin try on" for 9th through 12th graders looking for an early or pre-college experience that will test and improve their academic readiness for post high school studies. Real college credit, real campus life all in Calvin's distinctively Christian learning and living environment. Check out their website [www.calvin.edu/go/summeracademy](http://www.calvin.edu/go/summeracademy).

Lent begins this week! Engage your heart and mind this Lenten season with "**Through Tears to Joy**," a daily devotional from Faith Alive that reflects on the meaning of Jesus' suffering and the meaning of suffering in the world. Just \$4.95US or less per copy. To order, call 1-800-333-8300 or visit [www.FaithAliveResources.org](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org).

Interested in serving cross-culturally? If you're a college student or a young adult interested in serving God cross-culturally this summer, visit [www.crwmm.org/smp](http://www.crwmm.org/smp) to learn about **Christian Reformed World Missions' volunteer opportunities**. Options include jail ministry in Guatemala, worship workshops in the Ukraine, teaching opportunities in Nigeria, and more.

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) is currently working on a long term relief response for the people of Haiti. In so doing they are looking for **volunteer Structural Engineers** with preference given to those designated as Professional Engineers and specialized in concrete buildings. Main objective is to inspect existing structures. If this is of interest to you and you could commit to a three week placement, please contact the ServiceLink office at 800-730-3490 or [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org) for further information.

## **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Colorado Informational Meeting
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Easter Cantata Rehearsal @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Randolph Reformed
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Bible Study @ Zonnefeld's
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Mon:</b>	5:45 PM	Kid's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
<b>Wed:</b>	6:30 PM	Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Senior Supper
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – Cara Aylesworth

PM – Brenda Hofman

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

Brian O'Donovan

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

Teacher: Brenda Kamphuis

Helpers: Hollie Ten Pass

Trevor Zonnefeld

### ***Fellowship Coffee***

Phil & Mary-Nell Hofman

### ***Greeters***

AM – Phyllis Hofman

Grace Kamphuis

PM – Ray & Brenda Hofman

### ***Library***

Linda Pausma

Angela Buwalda

Jan De Vries

### ***Musical Praise***

Merle Schouten

### ***Nursery***

AM – Dan & Gladys Montsma

Dylan Vander Berg

PM – Kim Greenfield

Andrea Kamphuis

### ***Offering***

AM – Local Budget

PM – Denominational Ministry Shares

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Ken Homan

### ***Sound System***

Dan Scheuers

### ***Transportation***

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Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

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Tyler Ten Pass

Keith Venhuizen

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Lois Mulder

## **Notes**



# *Prayer List*



## *Shut-Ins*

Gerald Bossenbroek  
Ruby Buteyn  
Bea Heideman  
Eugene Kikkert  
Josie Looman  
Wilma Navis  
Minnie Tobak

Delia Buteyn  
Hazel Buwalda  
Junice Kamphuis  
Millie Kuiper  
Bud Navis  
Howard Te Beest

## *Health*

Pray that **Charlie Kitchner** will no longer experience blood clots.

Pray for continued healing from neck pain for **Sandy Greenfield**.

Pray for continued recovery and improvement for **Merle Schouten**.

Pray for **Lois Mulder's brother, Mark**, as he prepares for a hip replacement in March.

Remember **Dewey and Don Pausma's brother-in-law, Hank Den Hollander**, as he struggles after a stem cell transplant for his Leukemia.

## *Military*

**Larry & Trix Daane's grandson, Jeff Daane** (NAS Pensacola, FL)

**Sam Daane** (Beal AFB, CA)

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

**Chaplain Peter Hofman** (Fort Bragg, NC)

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

## *Requests*

Pray for the Lord's blessing on **Toni Hofman's brother, Mike**, as he works with a medical team in Haiti.

Remember the **soldiers who have returned from active duty** as they adjust back to civilian life.

Pray for the **Olympic athletes**—that their hearts will be open to hearing the Gospel while in Canada.

Uplift **those who work with the elderly**—that they will respect and honor life at every stage.

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

**February 4, 2010**

## **Greetings**

Many of you have been praying about my hearing problem and I am grateful. Nonetheless, little has changed since my last communiqué. And, while I would like few things more, I'm getting used to it and simply trusting the Lord and his purposes. And not wanting to sound too noble—I have always favored “Thy will be done” as a priority in my prayers.



A faithful friend called my Wisconsin doctor who said:

1. There isn't anything I can do about your hearing loss. The hearing may return to normal or it may not. It probably won't get worse. [That's good news, I think.]
2. If the buzzing or humming is disturbing your sleep, use some soft background noise like a fan or maybe some soft music. [While I have the “buzz”, it's not a problem and nothing too loud. Used to it. In fact, it helps with the roosters and dogs barking and allows better sleep.]
3. The worst thing I could do, sez the doc, is to be near loud noise without protection. Avoid situations where it is very loud. [This could be a problem. Noise pollution is very bad here. Speakers blasting at ongoing celebrations (Filipinos love to celebrate) and storefronts—still occasional fireworks some like to use to “surprise” you. And the Malls! Yikes! There are far from acoustically correct in any sense (more like echo chambers) and I will forever fail to understand how people here can live with it as stores seemingly compete with each other while shoppers and mall rats remain so “immune” to it all. Then there are kids screaming, traffic horns everywhere, people shouting, whatever—all uncontrolled and often.]

My friend is sending some earplugs so we'll see. That problem, together with Neen and the others around me getting used to dealing with it, are more hurdles where prayer would be helpful.

That's probably about it for now. If things change, trust you'll know. Thanks for all your encouragement and prayers. Questions welcome.

Brother Bob