



***“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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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: "Shine Jesus Shine" R431 vs.1-3

Song: "Blessings Over Me" by the Choir

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Will: "Words of Jesus from the Gospels" G1013 responsively

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

People: God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: "Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . . Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery . . . theft . . . These are what make a man "unclean."

Leader: You shall not give false testimony.

People: For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Leader: You shall not covet.

People: Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Song: "Jesus, Your Name" R119 vs. 1-2

(Children aged 3 years through 4th grade 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 upstairs Youth Room.)

Song: "Jesus, Your Name" R119 vs. 3-4

***Scripture:** John 8:12-20

Reading: "Who Turned Off the Lights?" by Jim and Lois Groenewold

We Study God's Word: "I am...the Light of the World"

Prayer

***Response in Song:** "Go Light Your World" (see screen)

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering for Faith Promise

***Benediction**

***Parting Song:** "Send the Light" R437 vs.1 and 4

***Postlude**



6:50 PM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

Opening led by the New G's

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

Prayers of the People led by Al Venhuizen

Offering for Classical Ministry Shares

Offertory: "The Lord's Prayer"

*We Study God's Word: Nehemiah 5

*Song of Response: "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord" (see screen)

*Affirmation of our Faith: "Belgic Confession, Art. 1" G817 in unison

**We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple spiritual being,
whom we call God—
eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty;
completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

Prayer

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Blessed be the Lord Our God" G630 vs. 1-2

*Postlude

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

Today is the **second Sunday of Lent**—a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. During this Lenten season, our morning worship services will be focusing on a series of “I AM” statements of Jesus found in the book of John. For all that has been written, sung, and debated about the life and work of Christ, nothing allows us such a deep glimpse into the heart of our Savior as these. They not only tell us who Jesus is, but they also say something about his mission, his purpose, and his reason for taking on flesh.

This evening’s service begins at 6:50 PM. We welcome the **CWC New Generation Singers** under the direction of Laura Ten Pass as they lead us in our extended time of worship. Thanks to members Shanna Braunschweig, Nate Miller, Lisa O’Connor, and Ben Posthuma for also providing special music during the offertory.

This morning’s offering is for Faith Promise—to support missionaries and mission organizations as designated by our church Council. This fund currently supports Brother Bob’s Outreach, Daryl and Mary Pfantz (Wycliffe Bible Translators), Scott Ritzema (Youth for Christ), The Union, Local Deaconal Outreach, Waupun Area Cadets, Waupun GEMS, and Pastor Ken Van De Griend (Leadership Resources International).

This evening’s offering will be for Classical Ministry Shares which support regional ministries that are designated by Classis Wisconsin. This fund currently supports a Classis Fund, a Student Fund, Classis Home Missions, Classis World Missions, Dordt College, and Trinity Christian College.

Verse of the Week: John 8:12 “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”

Our Family

Congratulations to **Chris and Laurie Parmelee** on the birth of a son, **Kaleb Christopher**, this past Tuesday! May the Lord bless your family as you celebrate this joyous event.



Martin Miedema will start physical therapy this week and requests our prayers that this will give relief from his right leg pain.

Thanks for your prayers on behalf of **Kyle Homan’s** hearing this past week. Gratefully, the judge dismissed the case against him.

Josh De Jager, son of Dave & Jessica De Jager and nephew of Steve & Rose Homan, was admitted to the UW Hospital with pericarditis - an inflammation of the lining around his heart. Pray that the medications and treatments he receives will take immediate effect, allowing him to return home soon.

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

Anniversaries:

Norman & Joyce Haan
Paul & Delores Vande Kolk

Mar

1
2

Ken & Elaine Homan

Mar

6

Congratulations

Birthdays:

Megan Greenfield
Melissa Homan
Elsie Winkel

Feb/Mar

29
1
2

Parker Van Hill

Tyler Ten Pass

Mikayla Zonnefeld

Mar

3
4
6

Words of Thanks

"Thank you to those who came to the Pork Chop Supper Fundraiser at Trinity Reformed Church in support of those going on the mission trip to Mt. Vernon, KY in April. We raised just over \$1500. We would also like to thank those of you who helped serve, do dishes, and grill the meat. It was great to have so many people from different churches working together!" **KY Mission Team**



"Thank you for your compassion and generous gifts [to CRWRC] to help the people of Haiti. Your expression of care, and sharing your resources, is a testimony of God's love and faithfulness to those in such dire need. Your generous gifts are providing emergency food, drinking water, shelter, and medical care. Please keep the Haitian people in your prayer, and pray also for CRWRC and our Haitian partners as we seek to meet emergency, recovery, and rebuilding needs." – **Wendy Hammond, CRWRC Church Relations Manager**

Church News

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.

Do you have a passion for young people? Would you like to be a part of a ministry that brings people to Christ? Then please prayerfully consider joining the board at the Union. Dave Venhuizen's term is coming to an end and we need someone to replace him. If you are interested, talk to him or Scott Ritzema.

The **Safe Church Team** will meet at 6:30 PM this Tuesday.

Time for **Mary/Martha Society** again! We will meet this Wednesday, 1:30 PM, in the Youth Room. Our lesson on Leah from Genesis 17:15-27 is in your mailslot. Song leader: Alice Redeker.



The **Women's Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday, 6:30 PM, at Gloria Rens'.



Cadets will meet 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. The theme is "Beach Night" so be sure to come in your beach wear.



Christian Fellowship will meet this Thursday, 6:30 PM. Lunch: Bill and Ann and Ken and Elaine.

Reminder: The Church Bowling Social is this Friday for those who signed up. See you at 6:30 PM at Jud-Son's for a fun night of bowling, pizza and fellowship! The cost is \$6.50 per person or \$26 per family up to 5 people. If you have any questions, contact Steve or Melissa Wierenga at 324-5544.



Choirs Who Care Benefit Concert: Come join us for an afternoon of musical inspiration provided by the choirs of Waupun's local churches (including our own) on Sunday, March 21, at 2 PM at First Reformed Church. These voices will blend in praise and will conclude as a mass choir singing: "His Strength Is Perfect" by Steven C. Chapman and Jerry Salley and G.F. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*. The proceeds this year will benefit Shelly Lammers O'Leary & Aaron Gerrits. A free-will offering will be taken, which will be co-sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who will match funds raised up to \$5,000. Checks can be made out to First Reformed Church. Please note in the memo section: Choirs Who Care.



Advanced Notices:

- Our combined **Annual Day of Prayer service** will be held at Alto CRC at 7:00 PM on March 10. Write it on your calendar and set aside an hour to thank the Lord for his past mercies and to ask for his continued blessings.
- Our **Maundy Thursday service** will be held at 7:00 PM on April 1.
- The Randolph Area Community Chorus will present an **Easter Cantata** during our evening worship on April 4.
- Our combined **Christian Education Sunday** will be held at the CWC secondary campus at 9:30 AM on April 18.
- **GEMS Sunday** will be held in our church at 7:00 PM on April 18.

School Notes

The Senior Class of CWCS will be hosting a **Breakfast Fundraiser** this Saturday. Delicious Dutch-American waffles will be served from 7:30 – 10:00 AM in the high school gym. Please contact a member of the senior class or school (324-4233) to purchase your tickets. Prices are: \$6.00 for an adult (13 & up), \$3.00 for a child, and \$20.00 for an immediate family.



CWC Craft-a-thon: CWC will be having their 5th Craft-a-thon (formally the Stamp/Scrap-a-thon) event on April 9 & 10 at the secondary campus. We are inviting all crafters (scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, knitters, sewers, etc.) to join us for this enjoyable event. This is a great opportunity to start, work on, or finish those projects that you may have. This event runs Friday from 4:00 PM—12:00 AM, and Saturday from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. The cost is \$40.00 for Friday or Saturday or \$70.00 for both

days. The cost includes meals/snacks/drinks, use of stamp/scrapbooking tools, large table space to work, and fellowship with other crafters. Any questions contact Becky Vander Werff at bwwsu@yahoo.com or 324-6040. Proceeds will be for the CWC Sophomore class.

Community Happenings

February Christian Home Newsletters have arrived: In an effort to be better stewards with their resources, we are not putting a newsletter in each mailslot. Please pick up your copy from the narthex counter. Thank you!

Community Day of Prayer will be held this Friday at 1:00 PM at Edgewood Community Church. Pastor Roger Knowlton will be the speaker. Both men and women are urged to support this ecumenical community effort.



Bethany Christian Services invites you to “**Create a Living Legacy,**” a free estate planning worship on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30-8:30 PM at Community Church, N6717 Streblov Dr., Fond du Lac. Estate planning attorney Carole Knuppel will help you plan your family’s future. Please RSVP by March 12 by calling toll-free 866-905-PLAN or emailing fveltman@bethany.org. Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Date: The 20th Annual Banquet to support Bethany Christian Services will be held on April 20 at CWCS. More details to follow

Around the World

New CRC Social Website: There's a new way to connect with other CRC'ers about the nuts and bolts of "doing church." It's called The Network and, with more than 40 topic areas, you'll find something for everyone. Help get the discussion started by visiting www.crcna.org/Network.

New Infuse Bible studies are now available! These basic-level studies are ideal for small groups and individuals. New titles include Esther and Jonah. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/Infuse-Series or call 1-800-333-8300.

This spring, shed some extra light on your spiritual life with “**Daylight,**” a daily devotional from Andrew Kuyvenhoven. Save 25% until March 15! Use coupon code DST10 when ordering online or by phone. Visit www.FaithAliveResources.org/Daylight or call 1-800-333-8300.

On Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 PM the **Calvin College Wind Ensemble** will present a concert at Brookfield Christian Reformed Church as part of its Spring Tour 2010. Dr. Tiffany Engle will lead Calvin's 35-piece concert band in a program titled "Heroes, Legends, and Icons." Admission is free; an offering will be received for the scholarship fund of the Southeast Wisconsin chapter of the Calvin Alumni Association. For more information visit www.calvin.edu/alumni/tours

The students of Mid-America Reformed Seminary are sponsoring a spring conference on prayer: ***Shepherds and Sheep in Communion with God***, with Rev.

Mike Pitsenberger and Rev. Jacques Roets. The event will be held at First Reformed Church in Lansing, IL on Tuesday, March 16. The afternoon sessions (2:00 & 3:15) will focus on the shepherds and the evening sessions (7:00 & 8:10) will focus on the sheep. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information visit www.midamerica.edu or call 219-864-2400.

On April 28, Barnabas Foundation, Calvin Theological Seminary and the Christian Reformed Church in North America are co-sponsoring the **4th Annual Christians & Money Conference**, a stewardship conference for pastors and church leaders. The conference will originate from the Prince Conference Center on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. This year, there will be four additional sites via live broadcast: Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL; Cedar Hill CRC in Wyckoff, NJ; Living Water Community Church in Orange City, IA; and Crosspoint Church in Chino, CA. For info and registration call 888.448.3040 or log onto www.barnabasfoundtion.com/conference.

Calvin College's next **Festival of Faith and Writing** will take place on April 15-17. Speakers include Eugene Peterson, Parker Palmer, Kate DiCamillo, Mary Karr, Stephen Carter, Avi, Wally Lamb, and many, many others. Group discounts are available for book clubs and church-affiliated groups. Reserve your spot today by registering online at www.calvin.edu/festival. For more information, contact the Festival office by phone at 616.526.6770 or by e-mail at ffw@calvin.edu.

Wind turbines, pioneer and modern day farming, Sioux Indians ... if these topics interest you, sign up today for **Great Plains Experience**, a motorcoach tour the week of June 6-11. This learning vacation begins and ends at Dordt College in Sioux Center. Interesting places you'll see and discuss involve wind energy, changes in farming practices, and the 1862 Sioux Indian Uprising. From eastern South Dakota to western Minnesota, you'll see hidden gems where no tourist has gone before, with Jim Schaap and Robb De Haan as your fun and fascinating tour guides. For more information, call 712-722-6029 or see www.dordt.edu/events/great_plains/ The registration deadline is March 10.



Calendar

Today:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	10:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Easter Cantata Rehearsal @ 1 st Randolph Reformed
	6:50 PM	Evening Worship
Tue:	6:30 PM	Safe Church Team
Wed:	1:30 PM	Mary/Martha Society
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study @ Gloria Rens'
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Open Gym @ The Union
Thu:	6:30 PM	Christian Fellowship
Fri:	6:30 PM	Bowling Social @ Jud Sons
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

This Morning

Accompanist

Junice Rens

Children & Worship

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Tyler Jansen

Brandon Kitchner

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

Bill & Ann Hoekstra

Nursery

Bonnie Vander Berg

Becca Smits

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Ushers

Jason De Jager

Seth Huizenga

Tyler Ten Pass

Keith Venhuizen

Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

Missionary Letters

Allen S. to Daryl Pfantz⁺

Nina T.B. to Brother Bob

Morris T.G. to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

This Evening

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Greeters

Ken & Elaine Homan

Library

Marcia Buteyn

Nancy Wierenga

Allegra Bossenbroek

Nursery

Sue Buwalda

Hollie Ten Pass

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Percy De Vries (324-4678)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Laura Ten Pass

PM – Cara Aylesworth

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg

Helpers: Den Vande Berg

Luke Jansen

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

AM – Kyle, Madison, & Hope Homan

PM – Steve & Rose Homan

Library

Dorothy Schouten

Winnojean Scheuers

Lori Kitchner

Musical Praise

Tyler Ten Pass

Nursery

AM – Steve & Melissa Wierenga

Breanna Smits

PM – Shelly Bronkhorst

Jenna Hofman

Offering

AM – Local Budget

PM – Building Fund

Pastoral Prayer

Brian O'Donovan

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Glen & Sandy Greenfield (346-5152)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Randy Kamphuis

Jacob Mulder

Brian O'Donovan

Brad Schouten

Video Projection

Katie De Jager

Prayer List

Health

Remember **those of our congregation who are shut-in** and unable to attend services with us. May they feel the presence of the Lord near.



Uplift **Ruth Buwalda** as she recuperates from shoulder surgery.

Remember Steve & Rose Homan's nephew, **Josh De Jager**, as he continues treatment for his heart problem.

Pray for relief from neck pain for **Sandy Greenfield** and **Nancy Wierenga**; from leg pain for **Martin Miedema**.

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 is again hospitalized for his Leukemia.

Pray for **Dewey & Lois Pausma's friend, Doris**, who has undergone multiple extensive cancer surgeries and is now confined to a wheelchair.

Pray for continued recovery for **Merle Schouten** and **Pastor Craig**.

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 (Bahrain)

Requests

Pray for the Lord's blessing on **Dr. Bert Callahan and his surgical team** as they volunteer in Haiti.

Pray for **those considering suicide**. May they seek guidance and feel the love of God in their lives.

Pray for good health and strength for **Sue Buwalda's parents, Harold & Marlyce Mulder**, as they work with a CRWRC Disaster Response Team in Galveston, Texas.

Praise

Thank the Lord for the interest expressed by new families at the **CWC Open House**. Pray that he will open their eyes to the blessings of Christian education.

Praise the Lord that **Toni Hofman's brother, Mike**, returned safely from his medical team trip Haiti. Pray for guidance as he considers returning there in the near future.

Thank the Lord that the judge dismissed the case against **Kyle Homan** this past week.

Praise God for the safe birth of **Kaleb Christopher Parmelee** on Tuesday and that both he and Laurie are doing well.



The Union Update

March 2010

The Bowl-a-thon is coming!!!

March 7th - Beaver Dam

March 12th & 13th - Fond du Lac

TEAM INCENTIVES!

GRAND PRIZE for Individual Pledges Raised!

LOTS of DOOR PRIZES

Silent Auction!

DJ ~~ FUN Bowling Challenges

RAFFLE!!

For more information or to sign up your team go to our website!

Colorado Fundraiser

WHERE: EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH

400 West Brown St

Waupun, WI 53963

WHEN: MARCH 20TH, 2010

1:00 – 4:00 PM

FEATURING VENDORS FROM:

Tupperware

Tastefully Simple

Pampered Chef

Lia Sophia

Envy Handbags

A portion of the profits will go to send teens to Colorado!

For more information or have questions please contact Pam Deich (920) 382-1464

Junior High Dances: March 19th & April 9th @ 7pm

Once a month the Union puts on a Middle School Dance. Our facility is completely open to all Middle School aged kids. There are games, skate park, movies, and music.

Cost is \$3.00.

The Union is a local youth center located in the old middle school building in Waupun. It is a part of the Fond du Lac Area chapter of Youth For Christ. Campus Life, Campus Life JV, Middle School dances, and High School Hang Out are a few of the events that take place at The Union. On any give week The Union could have between 50 to 500 teens walk through its doors.

For more information or to fulfill a need:

Scott: 920-948-8185

Randy: 920-344-9608

<http://www.fdlyfc.org/theunion.cfm>

Tarp Distribution in Haiti

CRWRC Newsroom | February 22, 2010

by Christina de Jong, CRWRC Communications

CRWRC distributed tarps late last week in Masson, Leogane, an already poor community that suffered the loss and damage of 80% of its homes when the January 12 earthquake struck. With **food aid** to the families already underway, the additional effort of delivering tarps was supported by enthusiastic volunteers from the local youth association, OJPM. The rainy season is approaching and shelter is urgently needed.



International Relief Managers (IRMs) George and Toni Fernhout met with the young community leaders of OJPM to discuss CRWRC working in their community. Upon developing a project proposal, the first step of needs assessment was undertaken. Christian Reformed World Missions (CRWM) found 24 people to conduct the needs assessment survey. OJPM divided the town into ten sectors and provided guides to assist the surveyors. In three days 850 surveys were completed. Five people worked for four days on computers entering the results. OJPM then surveyed another 150 households, for a total of 1,000 households surveyed.

Next, distribution lists were prepared for delivering the tarps. Parole et Action donated a truck for the effort, and the OJPM organized five drop sites. Villagers lined up, with the aged and pregnant at the head of the lines.



At the end of the day weary but excited volunteers celebrated that 900 families had received tarps. The volunteers then gathered in the shade to discuss how to customize the process for the next distribution -- a months' supply of rice, beans, and oil. Over the next two months 136 tonnes of rice, 15 tonnes of black beans, and 15 tonnes of oil in total will be distributed.

Undergirding this vital work is something yet more vital: a shared faith and hope in a living God. Last week the Haitian churches and the government announced three days of fasting and praying.

From Friday through Sunday churches all over the country held services from 7:00 am until noon, singing and praying, as well as mourning the death of so many family members and friends. Ad deBlaeij, CRWRC's Country Consultant, said, "It was impressive to see the nation of Haiti praying. We thank God for the privilege to be in Haiti at this moment in history."

CRWRC is very grateful for the outpouring of support in both Canada and the US. \$2.5 million was given in the US, and in Canada more than \$3.6 million was given by February 12, the deadline for the 1:1 matching set by the Canadian government.