

# First Christian Reformed Church

Waupun, Wisconsin

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



## *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

Song of Praise led by Praise Team 1

### \*God's Greeting

### \*We Greet Each Other

### Preparatory for the Lord's Supper: G976 read responsively

Minister: As we prepare to celebrate holy communion, let us remember that Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God. We are taught that eating and drinking unworthily brings judgment upon ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Let us therefore ask God for the proper spirit in which to celebrate the sacrament.

Almighty God, before whom can be neither secret thought nor hidden deed, grant us your Spirit that we may know our hearts, our lives, and our inmost thoughts as you know them.

Grant us your grace that we may repent sincerely of all sin, find peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ, and grow in assurance of salvation in him.

May the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in his redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to you.

**All: We thank you, heavenly Father, for the atoning power of our Savior's death and for our share in his victory over sin. Open our hearts as we prepare for this celebration, that it may strengthen us in our faith, establish us in our hope, and confirm us in our love. In his name, Amen.**

Minister: Brothers and sisters, let us first examine our faith. We all confess the truth of God as taught by Scripture and summarized in the creeds of the church. By this faith we take to ourselves Christ and all his benefits, so that for us to live is Christ.

**All: Lord God, author and finisher of all true believing, confirm our faith as we prepare for the holy sacrament.**

Minister: Let us, further, examine our hope. All Christian hope rests upon the finished work of Christ as Savior. The holy gospel teaches that all our righteousness is in him alone.

God's children rely wholly upon the merits of Christ, find in him their strength and victory, and confidently expect his return in glory. They look forward to celebrating this holy supper anew with him in the kingdom. They will surely be received by God at his table.

**All: Most merciful Father, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

Minister: Let us also examine our love, both for God and our neighbors. Remember the great and first commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let us consciously determine to live a life of loving service to him, through Christ our Lord.

Let us also search ourselves to determine whether we love our neighbors as Christ commands. Do we unselfishly live for the welfare of others? Do our lives reflect the godly virtues of obedience, fidelity, integrity, justice, humility, and contentment? Do we seek reconciliation with our neighbors in all cases of offense?

**All: Dear Father, daily increase in us the greatest gift of all, our Christian love.**

Minister: If these marks of spiritual life are not evident in us, we may not presume to approach his table. Those, therefore, who live in self-righteousness, who hope in works or virtues of their own, and who do not show love to God and neighbor, have no true place at the Lord's supper.

Yet we should not be deterred by any sin lingering within against our will. As we find faith, hope, and love within us, we ought gladly to obey our Lord's command and come with full expectation to God's open house of mercy.

**All: Gracious God, we love and adore you in Christ our Lord. We thank you for reconciling us to yourself in him. We rejoice in being received as your children.**

**Prepare us by your Holy Spirit for the sacrament. Help us to come in the assurance that by it we shall be spiritually revived, and strengthened in faith, hope, and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song of Assurance:** "Refiner's Fire" vs. 1-2 (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 Laura Venhuizen

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

**Song:** "He Loves Me, Too" (see screen)

**\*Scripture:** John 10:11-21

**Reading:** "Follow the Leader" by Kristi and Mikayla Zonnefeld

**We Study God's Word:** "I Am the Good Shepherd"

**"Do You Know Your Shepherd"** by Cara and Reagan Aylesworth

**Prayer**

**\*Response in Song:** "What Wondrous Love" R314 vs. 1 and 3

## **Congregational and Offertory Prayer**

**Offering for the Local Budget**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology: "You Are Holy" (see screen)**

**\*Postlude**

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### **This Morning**

#### **Accompanist**

Laura Ten Pass

#### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg

Helpers: Den Vande Berg

Luke Jansen

#### **Fellowship Coffee**

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

#### **Greeters**

Bruce & Leanne Huizenga

#### **Nursery**

Steve & Melissa Wierenga

Breanna Smits

#### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

#### **Transportation**

Glen & Sandy G. (346-5152)

Paul V.K. (324-8981)

#### **Ushers**

Randy Kamphuis

Jacob Mulder

Brian O'Donovan

Brad Schouten

#### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

#### **Missionary Letters**

Ken T.P. to Daryl Pfantz

Brian T.P. to Brother Bob<sup>+</sup>

Jeanette T. to Chaplain Peter

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

### **This Evening**

#### **Accompanist**

Cara Aylesworth

#### **Greeters**

Steve & Rose Homan

#### **Library**

Dorothy Schouten

Winojean Scheuers

Lori Kitchner

#### **Nursery**

Shelly Bronkhorst

Jenna Hofman

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## 7:00 PM Worship

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### Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*God's Greeting**

**Songs of Praise** led by Tyler Ten Pass

**Prayers of the People** led by Brian O'Donovan

**Offering** for the Building Fund

**We Study God's Word:** Nehemiah 8

**\*Song of Response:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" G288 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

**\*Affirmation of our Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism A37, G876 in unison

**During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end,  
Christ sustained in body and soul  
the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race.  
This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,  
he might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation,  
and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.**

### Prayer

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" G637

**\*Postlude**

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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

Today is the **third 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.

Today is also **Preparatory** in anticipation of Holy Communion next Sunday morning.

**This morning’s offering is for the Local Budget**—to pay the church’s operating expenses, which includes the minister’s salary and living expenses, church utilities, support staff wages, and other supplies and services needed to run the church.

**This evening’s offering will be for the Building Fund**—to pay for repairs and purchases for the parsonage, church building, and church equipment, including maintenance of the buildings and grounds and any needed additions to accommodate the growing church.

**Verse of the Week: John 10:14-15** “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

## Our Family

**Congratulations to Pastor Norman** as, Lord willing, he will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday. We thank the Lord for your many years of service to First CRC, our community, and those around the world.

**Steve and Rose Homan’s nephew, Josh De Jager** is doing very well. His heart damage is not affecting the way his heart functions, and the doctors do not think it will cause any problems for him.

**Arky Navis** is feeling better after receiving treatments for Legionnaires' disease, but is still weak.

**A tribute to the life and ministry of the late Rev. John J. Byker**, including information about his ministry here at First CRC, is available on the narthex counter.

**We rejoice with the following** who will celebrate a birthday this week:

<u>Birthdays:</u>	<u>Mar</u>		<u>Mar</u>
David Greenfield	7	Randall Greenfield	12
Dorothy Schouten	7	Travis Groenewold	12
Gretchen Hoekstra	8	Joshua Sill	12
Lois Mulder	9	Renae Venhuizen	12
Norman Haan	10		

*Congratulations!*

## Words of Thanks

"Thank you for your many cards, words of encouragement, and prayers as I had my gall bladder removed. The love of Christ has been very evident in your words and actions. It feels good to be back to health." - **Pastor Craig, Dominique, and Parker**



"Thanks for all the cards, visits, and meals. A special thank you to Pastor Craig for doing Kolten's baptism so soon after surgery." - **Kevin & Andrea Buwalda**

## Church News

The **Youth Group sub sale** is going on! If you have not been contacted by a member of the Youth Group yet but would like to order subs, there is a sheet in the narthex to sign. The subs will be made and can be picked up or delivered on Wednesday, March 24. Thanks for your support!



**St. Ben's Project – Spring 2010:** Take a moment to sign up in the basement today or next Sunday. We will be providing the evening meal on Friday, March 26. Thanks in advance for your continued support of this important project.

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

Our combined **Annual Day of Prayer service** will be held this Wednesday, 7:00 PM, at Alto CRC. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday, 7:00 PM, at the Union. Snacks: Becca Smits. Your sub sale sheets will be due. Remember: you only get credit for the sales you have on your individual sheet. There is a prize for the top seller, so take advantage of the few days you have left, and SELL!



**MOPS** will meet this Thursday, at 6:30 PM at Bethel CRC. For our craft activity, we will be making photo blocks--you will need to bring 6 matte pictures for this. Call Sara at 324-1086 with any questions or Rachelle at 324-3580 if you need childcare.

**Friendship Bible Study** will meet at Bethel CRC on March 15. Kids (ages 7-18) at 5:45-6:45 PM; Adults at 7:00-8:00 PM.



### **Advanced Notices:**

- Our **Maundy Thursday service** will be held at 7:00 PM on April 1.
- The Randolph Area Community Choir 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



**Coming Next Week – *Life School Musical*:** The CWC Elementary school students are busy preparing for the spring musical, *Life School Musical*, to be presented March 19 at the secondary campus with performances at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. *Life School Musical* takes place in a classroom where kids get way beyond the “three R’s” and, with the help of their colorful teacher Miss Knowsalot, learn the real keys to life ... the faith, hope and love found only in Jesus.

## Community Happenings

**Agnesian HealthCare’s Bereavement Program** is happy to announce they are starting a group in Waupun that will be open to all those interested in attending. Starting this Tuesday, they will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, in the St. Francis Room at Waupun Memorial Hospital. There is no registration required, and anyone is welcome to any of the meetings.

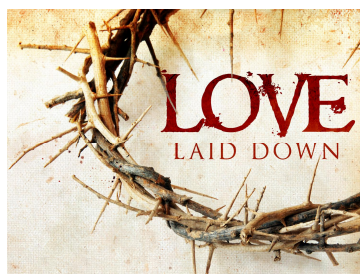
**Agnesian HealthCare Hospice Home** is seeking new volunteers. There are as many volunteer opportunities as there are individual preferences for service! Application deadline for the April training sessions is Friday, March 26. See the bulletin board for more information.

**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

**CRWRC - Chile Earthquake Response:** The government of Chile is working to restore order after a catastrophic earthquake hit on February 27. The quake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and killed at least 700 people. CRWRC is responding. Donations to CRWRC’s “Chile Earthquake Response” will be directed through Actions By Churches Together (ACT) to another Christian organization to provide emergency food and supplies. See your mailslot for more information.

**World Missions:** Do you know a young adult/college student who is interested in missions? Christian Reformed World Missions offers a variety of opportunities for young adults to serve and learn alongside our missionaries and their national ministry partners. For the summer of 2010, we have opportunities in Guatemala, the Philippines, Ukraine, and more. Visit [www.crwrm.org/summer](http://www.crwrm.org/summer) for more information and to request an application.



## 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	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Easter Cantata Rehearsal @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Randolph Reformed
<b>Mon:</b>	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
<b>Wed:</b>	8:00 PM	Council
	7:00 PM	Annual Day of Prayer @ Alto CRC
	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ The Union
<b>Thu:</b>	6:30 PM	MOPS @ Bethel CRC
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:15 AM	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship



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## Next Week

### **Accompanist**

AM – Brenda Hofman

PM – Laura Ten Pass

### **Children's Message**

Marla De Jager

### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Lexi De Jager

Lucas Vander Berg

### **Fellowship Coffee**

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

### **Greeters**

AM – Kyle, Madison, & Hope Homan

PM – Dale, Laurel, Seth, Austin, Collin,  
Annika, and Annalyse Huizenga

### **Library**

Faith Miedema

Jan De Vries

Sandy Greenfield

### **Musical Praise**

Mike Vander Berg

### **Nursery**

AM – Scott & Jen Ritzema

Lynnae Smits

PM – Brad & Rhonda Schouten

Lucas Vander Berg

### **Offering**

AM – Benevolent Fund

PM – Education Fund

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Keith Venhuizen

### **Sound System**

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# 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

Uplift **Ruth Buwalda** as she recuperates from shoulder surgery.  
Pray for relief from neck pain for **Sandy Greenfield** and **Nancy Wierenga**.  
Pray for **Lois Mulder's brother, Mark**, as he prepares for a hip replacement.  
Pray for continued recovery for **Arky Navis** and **Merle Schouten**.  
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.

## 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 good health and strength for **Sue Buwalda's parents, Harold & Marlyce Mulder**, as they work with a CRWRC Disaster Response Team in Galveston, Texas.  
Ask the Lord's blessing on the **disaster relief efforts in Chile**.

## Praise

Thanks for the good report **Josh De Jager** received concerning his heart damage.  
**Back to God Ministries International:** Praise God that the study of His Word is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in Africa. One woman wrote, "I thank God who has allowed me to find the CBC (Bible study). My prayer life has been renewed." Another woman wrote that she has committed to introduce the study to others.

**To add or remove a prayer request, please inform Marla.**