

First Christian Reformed Church



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9:30 AM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Songs of Praise led by Teen Praise

*We Greet Each Other

Song: "Jesus Loves Me" led by the Sunday School and Choir

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

***Scripture:** John 6:22-59

Reading: "Where is the Bread?" by Tyler and Hollie Ten Pass

Message: "I AM...the Bread of Life"

Prayer

***Response in Song:** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" R413 vs. 1, 2, 4

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper: G984

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering for the Benevolent Fund

Offertory: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Hollie Ten Pass & Jason De Jager

*Benediction

***Doxology:** "Salvation Belongs to Our Lord" vs. 1-2 (see screen)

*Postlude

Accompanist

Brenda Hofman

Children & Worship

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Lexi De Jager

Lucas Vander Berg

Fellowship Coffee

Gregg & Kristi Zonnefeld

Greeters

Kyle, Madison, & Hope Homan

Nursery

Scott & Jen Ritzema

Lynnae Smits

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Glen & Sandy G. (346-5152)

Paul V.K. (324-8981)

Ushers

Randy Kamphuis

Jacob Mulder

Brian O'Donovan

Brad Schouten

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

Missionary Letters

Steve T. to Daryl Pfantz

Dorothy T. to Brother Bob

Pastor Craig 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

*God's Greeting

Songs of Praise led by Elaine Homan

Prayers of the People led by Keith Venhuizen

Offering for the Education Fund

***We Study God's Word:** Nehemiah 9:1-37

***Song of Response:** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" R309 vs. 1, 3, 4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43 (in unison)

Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Prayer

*Benediction

***Doxology:** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" R65 vs. 1, 4, 5

Postlude

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Greeters

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

Library

Faith Miedema
Jan De Vries
Sandy Greenfield

Nursery

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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 **fourth 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 morning we celebrate **Holy Communion**. We welcome visitors in our midst to partake of the Lord's Supper with us if you are a professing member of a church that holds the Bible to be God's infallible Word and if you profess your faith in the triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).



This morning's offering is for the Benevolent Fund—to minister to the needs within our community. Individuals who are experiencing financial difficulties due to unforeseen circumstances can contact one of the deacons to request assistance from this fund.

This evening's offering will be for the Education Fund—to pay for Christian Education at CWCS for the children of the congregation.

Verse of the Week: John 6:35 "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'"

Our Family

Ruth Buwalda tires easily but is doing really well after her shoulder surgery. She will remain in the immobilizer until March 24.

Nick Klein is thankful he is no longer in pain after experiencing kidney stones this past week.

Arky Navis received a clean bill of health from the doctor in Florida! Helene still struggles with arthritis, but has been doing better with a new medication.

Steve Smits was unable to meet with the neurosurgeon this week regarding the bulging disk in his back. Hopefully a different appointment can be scheduled in the near future.

Tabbie Vander Werff received an epidural this past week. Pray that this will bring her relief from back pain.

Additional copies of the tribute to the life and ministry of the late Rev. John J. Byker, including information about his ministry here at First CRC, are again available on the narthex counter.

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

Anniversary: **Mar**
Brian & Flora Bresser 16

Congratulations!

Birthday: **Mar** **Mar**
Troy Aalsma 18 Nicoli Scheuers 20
Beth Andrew 18 Breanna Smits 20

Words of Thanks

“Thank you to all who so graciously sent me cards, made phone calls as well as other personal expressions for my 80th birthday. I give our heavenly Father praise for these years and the physical and spiritual blessings enjoyed.” - **Norman Haan**



Church News

Council Notes from March 8, 2010:

1. Pastor Craig and Elder Glen Greenfield reported on their visit to Classis Wisconsin. The next session of Classis Wisconsin will be held in our church.
2. An invitation was sent to Bethel CRC & Alto CRC inviting them to worship with us for Maundy Thursday, the Easter Cantata, and GEMS Sunday.
3. Pastor Craig reported on the 2010 Focus on Leadership Conference which will be held on August 29, 2010. This Conference will be held at our local CWC High School. Please keep this date in mind.

St. Ben’s Project – Spring 2010: Sign up in the basement today. We will be providing the evening meal on Friday, March 26. Thanks in advance for your continued support of this important project.



Sunday Night Bible Study will meet at 5:30 PM today.



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.

Pastor Craig and Elder Wayne Miedema will be serving **home communion** to our shut-ins on Tuesday. If you or someone you know desires home communion but has not yet been contacted, please inform Pastor Craig.

Mary/Martha Society will meet this Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Our study will be Bathsheba from 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27. Lessons are in your box. Song leader: Dorothy Tobak.



Women’s Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, 6:30 PM at Gloria’s.



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.



SWaT: Our next meeting is Sunday, March 21; 5:45 pm at 1st CRC. We will be having a speaker. Hope to see you all there!

Are you curious about what our church believes? Have you wondered what the creeds and confessions talk about? If you are thinking about joining our church or if you have questions about things like the Apostles Creed or the Belgic Confession then join us for a time of learning about the Reformed faith. Starting on March 28 we will be offering a class on what we believe led by Pastor Craig. It will be held at the parsonage after the morning worship service.

School Notes



Life School Musical will be presented by the CWC Elementary school students at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM this Friday at the secondary campus. *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

The Union is hosting its **monthly middle school dance** this Friday, 7:00-10PM. The cost is \$3.

A fundraiser to support the Union’s summer Colorado trip will be held this Saturday, 1:00-4:00 PM at Emmanuel Reformed Church. Vendors from Tupperware, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple and Envy Handbags will be attending with a portion of their cash & carry and book sales going directly to The Union.



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.

Lenten Coffee Hour Invitation: A community-wide Lenten Coffee Hour will be held on March 30 at 9:30 AM at First Reformed Church. Guest speaker will be Amy Nyland, Pastor of Christian Education at Alto Reformed Church. The Nevin Webster Family will provide us with special



music. The offering will be for the Waupun Food Pantry. Please sign-up in the narthex by March 25 if you will be able to attend. Call 324-2321 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Join us for a special 20th anniversary celebration of the **Waupun Area Bethany Banquet**. This event will be held at the Central Wisconsin Christian School, Fox Lake Rd, on Tuesday, April 20. Punch starts at 6:30 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. Ken and Chris Geleyense, Norman Jansma, and Five for One will provide special music. There will be door prizes drawn throughout the evening. To reserve your spot at the banquet, please notify Cara Aylesworth by April 6 at bethanyrsvps@gmail.com or call 920-324-0346.

Around the World

Get out your paints, markers, and crayons . . . it's Poster Time! **Christian Reformed World Missions' 2010 Poster Contest** has begun. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM by April 16. Winning posters will be selected according to the following age categories: 6 and under, 7-9, 10-12, and 13 and above. For more information, talk to Superintendent Brian O'Donovan or click on the "Get Involved" tab on www.crwm.org.

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**. The conference will originate from the Prince Conference Center on the campus of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. This year, there will be four additional sites via live broadcast: Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill.; Cedar Hill CRC in Wyckoff, NJ; Living Water Community Church in Orange City, IA; and Crosspoint Church in Chino, CA. For info and registration: www.barnabasfoundtion.com/conference or 888.448.3040.

Hope Equals—a project of Christian Reformed World Missions—is about North Americans supporting the reconciliation efforts of Israelis and Palestinians. This summer Hope Equals is sponsoring a 5 week adventure to Israel and the West Bank for young adults. You will have opportunities to meet leaders spearheading the reconciliation movement, follow them on a tour of their work and learn even more through volunteer opportunities. Tour the Holy Land and talk to the people living there—on both sides! Contact volunteer@crcna.org for application forms (deadline March 31) and for further information go to www.hopeequals.org

Young Leaders Conference - If you are between 18 -32 yrs of age and want to be a part of a movement that will lead the next generation church, this leadership conference is for you. The two day conference, to be held at Trinity College, Palos Heights, IL, is organized by the Leadership Exchange of the CRCNA , and is made available to you at minimal cost. Keep June 10 and 11 free to learn and grow in community. For details, and to apply, visit www.crcna.org/leadership.

Summer Opportunities – for Young Adults! Are you a young adult wanting to make a difference, learn more about yourself and about God's world, as well as

experience new things this summer? Consider applying for one of CRWM's summer volunteer teams! Opportunities include HIV/AIDS education, teaching English in a variety of settings, street ministry, outreach to at-risk youth and more! For further information visit www.crwm.org/summer or contact volunteer@crcna.org if interested in applying.

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	Sunday Night Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Easter Cantata Rehearsal @ 1 st Randolph Reformed
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
Mon:	5:45 PM	Kid's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
	7:00 PM	Adult's Friendship Bible Study @ Bethel CRC
Tue:		Home Communion
Wed:	1:30 PM	Mary/Martha Society
	6:30 PM	Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus
	6:30 PM	GEMS @ Bethel CRC
	6:30 PM	Women' Bible Study @ Gloria's
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Gym Night @ The Union
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship



Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Lois Mulder

PM – Brenda Hofman

Children's Message

Brian O'Donovan

Children & Worship

Teacher: Brenda Kamphuis

Helpers: Jason De Jager

Dylan Vander Berg

Fellowship Coffee

Kevin & Andrea Buwalda

Greeters

AM – Dale, Jean, Tyler, Luke, & Claire Jansen

PM – Norm & Shirley Jansma

Library

Marge Vande Streek

Angela Buwalda

Linda Pausma

Musical Praise

Praise Team 3

Nursery

AM – Allen & Lisa Stahmann

Luke Jansen

PM – Dale & Beth Andrew

Trevor Zonnefeld

Offering

AM – Local Budget

PM – Classical Ministry Shares

Pastoral Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

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

Pray for continued recovery for **Ruth Buwalda** and **Merle Schouten**.

Remember **Helen Navis** as her body adjusts to new medications.

Pray for relief from pain for **Sandy Greenfield, Tabbie Vander Werff, and Nancy Wierenga**.

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

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

Remember **Paul Bruins** as he deals with the death of his father, the return of his cancer, and the second deployment of his son.

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

Thanks that **Jessica De Jager** was able to return home from the hospital. She will see a cardiologist in April.

Praise for the good report **Arky Navis** received.

Praise that **Kristi Zonnefeld's sister, Bonnie**, no longer has cancer!

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

Greetings!

Ever been all alone—away from home, friends, family? Ever felt “alone in the crowd”? Ever cry into your pillow while feeling empty inside? Ever long to share your blessings and struggles? Ever experience an environment that does little or nothing to encourage you or provide even a modicum of hope or caring? Have you ever longed for a little peace?

Ever cry out to God for answers you didn't seem to get while not knowing what to do to get them?

Multiply those feelings by fifty or more and you begin to get a sense of prison life. Now add the threatening atmosphere—both real and imagined—the rules and hardships, and the unwarranted hatred and disregard for others that often surrounds you.

Ever experienced any of these and receive a letter from someone who was reaching out to you with a little hope, caring and purpose—a light in your darkness?

The great commandment calls us to show our love for God by the love we show for others. (Mt. 22:36-40)

Many of those crying out are men in prison.

A once-a-month letter can change their world; a once-a-month letter that takes perhaps thirty minutes to put together.

Cautious? You should be! Yet we can show you how many have been successfully writing for years. It can be done anonymously from your home or office and no one will ever know who or where you are or anything about you that you choose not to reveal.

We just simply make the link, assign, provide guidelines and stand ready to help you.

We are interested in spiritual correspondence over personal although we know complete separation can be sometimes complex. At the same time you are not expected to tolerate any abuse or deviousness.

Most of the difficulties we have are with those who stray from the rules—rules based on our many years experience—or difficulties from those who try to use such a ministry for their own ends.

As prison populations grow, so does the need for writers. All we ask at this point is that you please send for our guidelines along with your questions before you make any decision. And if you know of others—friends, relatives, church members—invite them to join you.

Send an email to Sheila: address your response to sheilabbo2@wi.rr.com

Thanks. God keep you.

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You Are

You are strong...when you take your grief and teach it to smile.

You are brave...when you overcome your fear and help others to do the same.

You are happy...when you see a flower and are thankful for the blessing.

You are loving...when your own pain does not blind you to the pain of others.

You are wise...when you know the limits of your wisdom.

You are true...when you admit there are times you fool yourself.

You are alive...when tomorrow's hope means more to you than yesterday's mistake.

You are growing...when you know what you are but not what you will become.

You are free...when you are in control of yourself and do not wish to control others.

You are honorable...when you find your honor is to honor others.

You are generous...when you can take as sweetly as you can give.

You are humble...when you do not know how humble you are.

You are thoughtful...when you see me just as I am and treat me just as you are.

You are merciful...when you forgive in others the faults you condemn in yourself.

You are beautiful...when you don't need a mirror to tell you.

You are rich...when you never need more than what you have.

You are you...when you are at peace with who you are not.

- Author Unknown