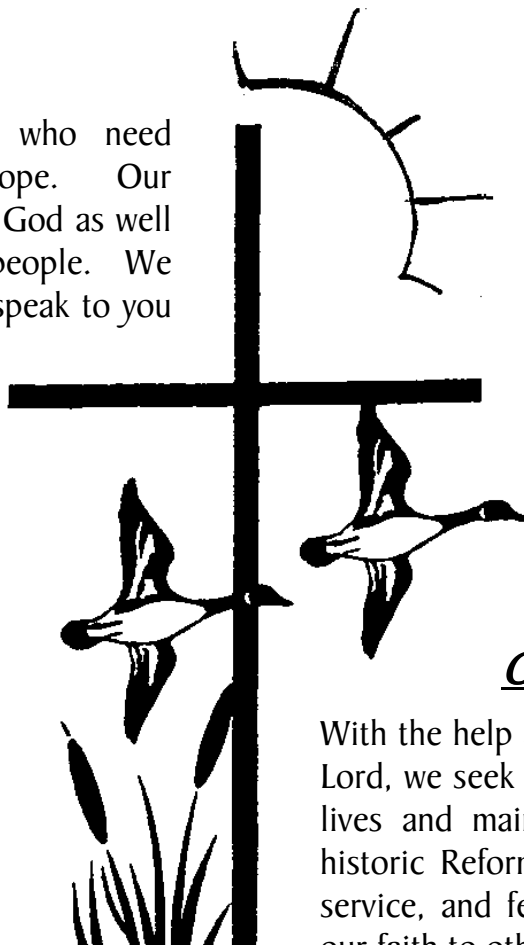


# First Christian Reformed Church

***“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.



## *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)*

## ***Rejoicing in the Lord***

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship: R346 responsively

Leader: Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**Everyone: Thank You, Father, for Your amazing love.**

Leader: This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**Everyone: Thank You, Father, for Your amazing love.**

\*Opening Time of Praise:

“And Can It Be” G267 vs. 1, 2

“My Savior’s Love” R348 vs. 1, 4, 5

“O How He Loves You and Me” R349 vs. 1, 2

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

## ***Approaching the Lord***

God’s Will for Our Lives: G1016 responsively (see screen)

Leader: Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

**People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

Leader: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands!

**People: Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.**

Leader: And God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**People: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:6-8

\*Song of Assurance: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" R352

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering: Classical Ministry Shares

### ***Listening to the Lord***

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" R447 vs. 1

(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 Ken Homan

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

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children" R447 vs. 2

\*Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Message: "Love Always Leaves a Significant Mark"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (see screen)

## ***Leaving to Love and Serve the Lord***

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: "I Serve a Risen Savior" G405 vs. 1 and 3

\*Postlude

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### ***Accompanist***

Brenda Hofman

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

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Austin Huizenga  
Whitney Wierenga

### ***Fellowship Coffee***

Steve & Heidi Smits

### ***Greeters***

Wayne & Faith Miedema

### ***Nursery***

Sue Buwalda

Bonnie Vander Berg

Mikayla Zonnefeld

### ***Sound System***

Seth Aylesworth

### ***Transportation***

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-1246)

### ***Ushers***

Brian Bresser

Joe Bresser

Dale Huizenga

Austin Huizenga

### ***Video Projection***

Steve Wierenga

### ***Missionary Letters***

Harry Venhuizen to Daryl Pfantz<sup>+</sup>

Jon Venhuizen to Brother Bob

Keith Venhuizen 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 Ben Homan

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

**Offering** for the Education Fund

\***We Study God's Word:** Nehemiah 13

\***Song of Response:** "Lion of Judah" vs. 1 & 2 (see screen)

\***Affirmation of our Faith:** Our World Belongs to God – Stanzas 24, 27, and 29 responsively, G1026 (see screen)

**Prayer**

\***Benediction**

\***Doxology:** "Our God Reigns" G195

\***Postlude**

## Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

## Greeters

Dan & Gladys Montsma

## Library

Sandy Greenfield

Jan De Vries

Arlene De Jager

## Nursery

Brad & Rhonda Schouten

Cody Zonnefeld

## Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

## Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

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## Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

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## Welcome

**We welcome our visitors** and hope that you enjoy worshiping with us. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. If you would like further information about our church, check out our 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

We welcome **Rev. Mark Vande Zande**, a son of our congregation, as he leads us in worship this morning.

This morning's offering is for **Classical Ministry Shares**—to 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.

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

Next Sunday morning, we will join supporters of Christian education from around the area for a special **Christian Education Celebration Worship Service** at the CWC Secondary Campus Gymnasium. This year's service will focus on the "living stones" that serve as a foundation of our schools. Don't miss this time of thanksgiving for the gift of Christ-centered education. (There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes.)

Next Sunday evening we welcome members of the Waupun GEMS Club, Alto CRC, and Bethel CRC for a **special GEMS Sunday Worship**. GEM members are asked to arrive at 6:00 PM.

**Verse of the Week: 1 John 4:7-8** "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

**Our Family**

Congratulations to the **Scott & Jen Ritzema family** on the arrival of a daughter/sister Tirzah Love Ritzema on Wednesday, April 7.



We are thankful that **Gerald Bossenbroek** and **Josephine Looman** were able to return to the Christian Home. **Winnie Kuiper** hoped to return to Prairie Ridge yesterday. Please keep each of them in your prayers as they continue to recuperate and regain their strength.

**Joe Durant** was given further diagnosis of mono this past week, and is starting to feel better but still has a long way to go. Please continue to uplift Joe in your prayers for complete healing and that he may soon be able to return to work.

**Ken Ten Pass** and **Tabbie Vander Werff** continue to experience leg and back pain, respectively. Pray for patience as they each wait to see the doctor later this month.

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

<b><u>Anniversary:</u></b>	<b><u>Apr</u></b>		
Harold & Carol Greenfield	11	Greg & Kim Root	17
		<i>Congratulations!</i>	
<b><u>Birthday:</u></b>	<b><u>Apr</u></b>		<b><u>Apr</u></b>
Rose Homan	11	Pat Homan	15
Bud Navis	12	Kaytlin Bronkhorst	16
Harry Venhuizen	12	Laura Ten Pass	16
Peter Hofman	14	Den Vande Berg	17

## Words of Thanks

“Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated after the loss of our dear mother and grandmother.” –

**Dale & Beth Andrew family**



## Church News

**If you brought food for another family, a funeral, or last week's fellowship hour**, please check if any of the containers in the narthex are yours. Thank you.

Everyone is invited to attend the **Reformed Faith Class** in the parsonage after this morning's service. Led by Pastor Craig, we will look at the creeds and confessions of the church.

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

**Council** will meet at 8:00 PM tomorrow. They will begin the process of elder and deacon nominations for the June congregational meeting. Please inform an elder or deacon if you would like to submit a name for consideration of if you have any matter for the council.

**Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday, 7:00 PM, at The Union. Lunch: Thomas Venhuizen.

**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 [lois.mulder@att.net](mailto:lois.mulder@att.net) or placed in her mailslot by next Sunday.



**Friendship Bible Study** will meet at Bethel CRC on Monday, April 19. Kids (ages 7-18) at 5:45-6:45 PM; Adults at 7:00-8:00 PM.

**Register now for Camp Calvin.** Registration forms are available on the narthex counter and are due May 1; Health forms and full payment are due May 20. Please inform Keren if you would like to receive the \$100 reimbursement available from the General Budget,

## School Notes

**Early Childhood Showcase at CWC:** The first steps of your child's education form an important foundation in their learning. Central Wisconsin Christian wants you to learn more about their Kingdom Kids 4K Pre-School and innovative Progressive Kindergarten programs. Join us for an Early Childhood Showcase on Monday, April 19. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM. Openings are still available in both programs; join us to meet the staff and see first-hand what these programs have to offer you and your family!!

**“Night of Vision” Prayer Vigil:** You are invited to be a part of *24 Hours of Prayer* leading up to the special “Night of Vision” event at Central Wisconsin Christian School on Friday, April 30. Individuals and groups can sign up for a 15-minute slot to pray for God’s wisdom and vision for CWC. More details can be found online at [www.centralwisconsinchristian.org](http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org) or by contacting Nancy Smits.

### **Community Happenings**

Randolph Protestant Reformed Church invites you to a Spring Lecture entitled: **"The Profitableness of Scripture"**. Pastor Arie den Hartog from Southwest Protestant Reformed Church, Grandville, MI will speak. The speech will be held in the Randolph Protestant Reformed Church, on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 PM. Nursery will be provided. Coffee and fellowship will follow the speech.

**Family Caregiver Conference:** Caring for someone with dementia can be overwhelming. The Dementia Concerns Coalition of Dodge County is dedicated to helping those who care for and love someone with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. You are invited to attend the Caregiver Conference on Saturday, April 24, at the Trosten Haus Adult Day Center, 1223 Madison St., Beaver Dam from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon. Topics include: 1) Speaking with your doctor regarding medications and what questions to ask. 2) County programs available for families caring for a loved one. 3) Question & answer time with professional panel. This conference is free for family caregivers. Contact Diane Becker at 887-4282 for information.

### **Around the World**

**Christian Reformed World Missions’ 2010 Poster Contest entries** are due on Friday. Create a poster with a missions theme and send it in to CRWM. 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 at [www.crwmm.org](http://www.crwmm.org).

**Get Help with Ministry Programs** - Ever wondered how other churches do their ministries? Now you can find out. On the CRC's new Network website you can ask questions, get advice, and find support from people across the CRC who are doing ministry just like you. So whether you're a Sunday school teacher, deacon, worship leader, sound technician, prayer coordinator, or involved in any other area of ministry, there's a network for you. Post your questions on [www.crcna.org/Network](http://www.crcna.org/Network).

## **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	Reformed Faith Class @ the parsonage
	10:45 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Mon:</b>	7:00 PM	Elder's Meeting
	7:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	8:00 PM	Council
<b>Wed:</b>	7:00 PM	Youth Group @ The Union
<b>Next Sun:</b>	9:30 AM	Combined Christian Education Worship @ CWC Secondary Campus



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## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

Lois Mulder

### ***Greeters***

GEMS

### ***Library***

Angela Buwalda  
Faith Miedema  
Marge Vande Streek

### ***Musical Praise***

GEMS

### ***Nursery***

Dale & Beth Andrew  
Luke Jansen

### ***Offering***

GEMS

### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Keith Venhuizen

### ***Sound System***

Dan Scheuers

### ***Transportation***

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### ***Ushers***

GEMS

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# ***Prayer List***



## **Shut-Ins**

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

**Delia Buteyn  
Hazel Buwalda  
Junice Kamphuis  
Millie Kuiper  
Bud Navis  
Minnie Tobak**

## **Health**

Pray for continued recovery for **Ruth Buwalda, Gerald Bossenbroek, Joe Durant, Winnie Kuiper, Josephine Looman, Mark Mulder, Merle Schouten, and Steve Smits**

Uplift **Lee Heideman** as he deals with multiple health issues at this time.

Remember **Dewey and Don Pausma's brother-in-law, Hank Den Hollander**, as he deals with Leukemia.

Pray for relief from pain for **Ken Ten Pass, Tabbie Vander Werff and Nancy Wierenga**.

## **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)

**Marge Vande Streek's grandson, Brian Vande Streek**, (Vilseck, Germany)

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

## **Requests**

Remember **those who are engaged to be married**, that they build a firm foundation on the Lord even before being united as husband and wife.

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