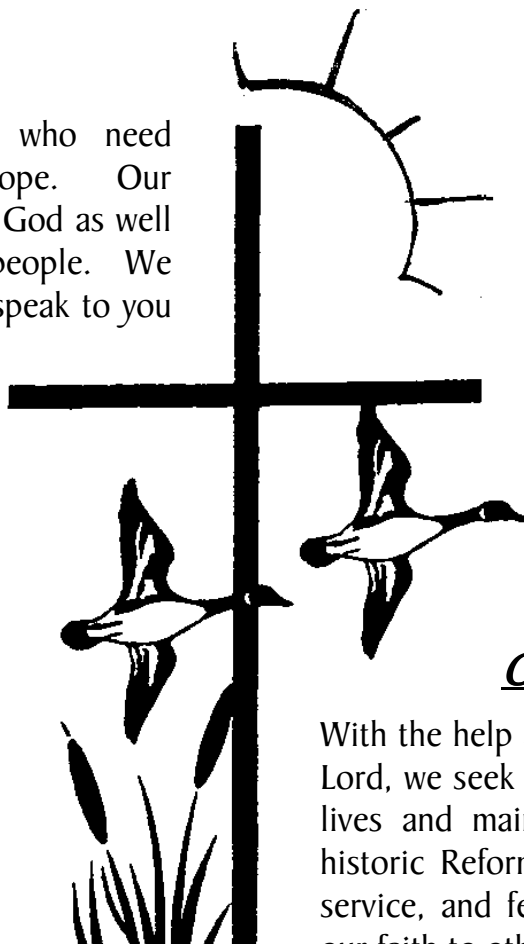


First Christian Reformed Church

***“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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Church Secretary Office hours

Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM – 3 PM

Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon

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7:00 PM Worship

(*Please stand if you are able)

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

Songs of Praise led by GEMS

Prayers of the People led by Keith Venhuizen

Offering: GEMS

*We Study God's Word: Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer

*Song of Response: "It is Well with My Soul"
R705 vs. 1, 3, 4

*Affirmation of our Faith led by the GEMS

*Benediction

*Doxology: GEMS

*Postlude

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Greeters

GEMS

Library

Angela Buwalda

Faith Miedema

Marge Vande Streek

Nursery

Dale & Beth Andrew

Luke Jansen

Sound System

Dan Scheuers

Transportation

Arky N. (324-2859)

Morris T.G. (539-1246)

Ushers

GEMS

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

This morning we 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.)

This evening we welcome members of the Waupun GEMS Club, Alto CRC, and Bethel CRC as they join us for a **special GEMS Sunday Worship**. (GEMS members are asked to arrive at 6:00 PM.)

This evening's offering is for **GEMS** whose purpose is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. To help foster this all-important relationship between each girl and Christ, other relationships are nurtured as well — between girls and between girls and their counselor (leader).

Verse of the Week: Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Our Family

John and Arlene De Jager's neighbor, Heather Nadolski, has terminal cancer and was hospitalized this past week. Once her pain is managed, she hopes to be able to return home with Hospice Care.

Joe Durant continues to experience headaches and hoped to confer with a Ear, Nose, Throat specialist this past week. Please continue to uplift Joe and his family, that he will be granted complete healing and that he may soon be able to return to work.

Morris Te Grootenhuis' brother-in-law, Bruce Yonker, died earlier this week after a long struggle. We pray that God will give them strength and safe travel.

Ken Ten Pas continues to experience severe leg pain since the accident. He will consult with the doctor this week. Pray for wisdom for the doctor as well as Ken, that an appropriate treatment can be found.

Edna Cupery, Winnie Tobak's sister-in-law and Dorothy Schouten's aunt, passed away this week. May God's presence and promises comfort you during this time of loss.

Tabbie Vander Werff had a successful surgery on her back on Wednesday. We praise God that she was able to have this surgery and that it went so well. We also ask that God will provide her with a painless and quick recovery. May she no longer experience the problems that she had before the surgery.

Nancy Wierenga continues to struggle with neck pain and headaches. Please pray for relief and patience as she waits for her doctor appointment.

Elsie Winkel's sister, Jenny Westra, died this past week. We pray for God's comfort and peace at this time.

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

<u>Birthday:</u>	<u>Apr</u>		<u>Apr</u>
John Buchholz	18	Madison Homan	23
Dan Montsma	20	Josephine	23
Dave Rens	22	Michelle Mulder	24
John De Jager	23		

Congratulations!

Words of Thanks

“Thank you to the everyone for your prayers, cards and visits while I was recovering from my knee surgeries. It is indeed a blessing to feel the prayers that were offered on my behalf.” – **Merle Schouten**



Church News

Council Notes from April 12, 2010:

1. At her request a release of Rae Marie Drews' membership papers have been sent to the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manchester, Wisconsin.
2. We have received the membership papers for Stacy Vander Ploeg from the Hollandale CRC in Hollandale, Minnesota. The council is pleased to accept these membership papers. Please extend a warm welcome to Stacy.
3. Pastor Craig has requested and been granted vacation from April 27 – May 10. Pastors Wick Huber will occupy our pulpit on May 2 and Pastor Haan will occupy our pulpit on May 9. The May council meeting will be moved to the 17th.
4. Chaplain Peter Hofman has asked to lead our morning worship on May 23. We have granted this request. Pastor Steve Venhuizen has asked to lead the morning worship service on the September 5. We have granted this request.
5. On July 25, the Sunday following the close of the 2010 Vacation Bible School, we will have a joint AM service with Bethel CRC which will be held at the CWS Campus. A potluck will follow the worship service. More information will come later.
6. Phil Hofman addresses the council on the current work of the Vision Committee. They have been busy lining up speakers for the upcoming Leadership Seminar which will be held on August 29. Invitations will be sent to churches in the near future. The Vision Committee is also looking at the current Education program in our church. We thank this committee for their work.
7. We have opened the nomination process for elders and deacons at our April Meeting. We now would welcome any nominations from the congregation. Please give the names to any council member
8. A list of mid-week drivers has been drawn up. If there is a need for transportation, please contact any elder or deacon and they will contact a person on the volunteer drivers list.

Monthly Budget Update
Month ending March 2010

Fund	Year to Date Receipts	Year to Date Budget	Difference
Local Budget*	97,633.48	101,100.00	(3,466.52)
Denominational Ministry Shares	13,762.82	55,621.00	(41,858.18)
Classical Ministry Shares	9,053.52	14,978.00	(5,924.48)
Faith Promise Fund**	15,296.54	13,500.00	1,796.54

*Local Budget balance = \$3,352.44 (after Designated funds are withdrawn)

**Faith Promise Balance = \$1,477.56

Reminder: The back pews are reserved for the custodian's family and families with small children or special needs.

Please check the narthex table for miscellaneous items that have been left at church. After next Sunday, they will be donated to Bargains Galore.

Please help us keep the **First Family Ties** newsletter full of interesting bits of information by sharing with us—we need your help! Articles should be emailed to Lois at lois.mulder@att.net or placed in her mailslot **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.



Mary and Martha Society will meet at 1:30 PM this Wednesday. The lesson on Miriam is in your mailslot. Song leader: Elsie Winkel



Cadets will have their **Derby Night** this Wednesday, starting at 6:30 PM until around 8:30 PM. Boys, make sure your car weight is no more than 8 ounces. Dads, moms, and family members are invited. We will be having pizza and refreshments. Come for a night of fun and see the Cadets race their cars and the hard work they put into their cars.



Ladies' Night Out for the month of April is cancelled—watch your bulletin for a Friday night in May!

Next Sunday, immediately following the morning service, there will be a brief meeting in back of church for anyone interested in joining the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**.

Next week we will have our **last creeds and confessions class** after the morning worship service. Just come over to the parsonage where we will run through the Canons of Dort and the Heidelberg Catechism or at least we'll try to.

SWaT: Last regular meeting for the year will be here next Sunday, 5:45 PM. We will be having a guest speaker. Hope to see you there!

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.

Advanced Notice: The Annual Prayer Day Service has been rescheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 5. It will be a combined worship at Alto CRC.

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 tomorrow for an Early Childhood Showcase. 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!!

The annual CWC Society Meeting will be held this Thursday at 7:00 PM in the CWC gymnasium. Election of Board members along with 2010-2011 proposed budget will take place. There are ballots available at either campus for your proxy vote. The PIA will meet after the society meeting.

"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 or by contacting Nancy Smits.

... for such a time is this. On April 30 at 7:00 PM join us for a **Night of Vision** at Central Wisconsin Christian High School gymnasium. The Building Expansion Leadership Team (BELT) will be leading us in reflecting on the past, celebrating the present and looking to the future of CWC. Information will be shared in what we believe is God's vision for CWC concerning moving the elementary campus to the high school campus location. Your attendance is strongly encouraged as we look to follow God's direction for the future of Christian Education in the greater Waupun area.

Community Happenings

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 this Saturday, 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.

Women of all ages are invited to a **Women's Ministry Spring Brunch** to be held on Saturday, May 15, at 9:00 AM at Living Hope Community Church. Join us as singer

and inspirational speaker, Sue Leonard of Reeseville, talks about Treasured Stories and shares her most treasured story of all—how she found Jesus!

Around the World

Registration continues for the June 15-17, Calvin College pre-conference, **"Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity."** This event occurs just prior to the merger assembly of the Reformed Ecumenical Council and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. This is an opportunity to deepen Reformed Christian ideas and partnerships among global delegates and with other Reformed Christian ministry and higher education leaders. To learn more, visit: <http://www.calvin.edu/go/rcc>. Note: After May 15, registration is on a space-available basis.

The Summer Academy at Calvin 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 www.calvin.edu/go/summeracademy.

CRWRC: The people of western China are reeling after 6 major earthquakes struck in just 3 hours on Wednesday. Hundreds of homes were destroyed in this farming area and thousands are now in need of immediate assistance. CRWRC is responding through the work of its partner organizations, providing emergency food and supplies. To support this effort, please mark your donation "China Earthquake 2010" and put in any offering bag.

Haiti Earthquake Update: CRWRC: has begun construction of 900 transitional shelters and will soon begin building 720 permanent homes for earthquake survivors in Haiti. To assist with this process, CRWRC is hoping to hire three new staff members (a project manager, construction manager, and finance and administration manager). Priority will be given to qualified applicants who are currently living or have in the past lived in Haiti. For more information, please visit www.crwrc.org or contact Doreen at dhoogvliets@crwrc.org.

Calendar

Today:	9:30 AM	Combined Worship @ CWC Secondary Campus
	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
Wed:	1:30 PM	Mary and Martha Society
	6:30 PM	Cadet Derby
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Open Gym @ The Union
Next Sun:	8:15 AM	11 th /12 th Catechism
	8:45 AM	First Fellowship



Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Cara Aylesworth

PM – Brenda Hofman

Children's Message

Brian O'Donovan

Children & Worship

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Breanna Smits

Cody Zonnefeld

Fellowship Coffee

Mike & Bonnie Vander Berg

Greeters

AM – Austin Montsma

Pete Montsma

PM – Jason, Jennifer, Lucas, & Makenna

Morgan

Library

Linda Pausma

Marcia Buteyn

Allegra Bossenbroek

Musical Praise

Praise Team 3

Nursery

AM – Keith & Laura Venhuizen

Breanna Smits

PM – Steve & Melissa Wierenga

Lynnae Smits

Offering

AM – Local Budget

PM – Building Fund

Pastoral Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Sound System

Glen Greenfield

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Morris Te Grootenhuis (539-1246)

Ushers

Brian Bresser

Joe Bresser

Dale Huizenga

Austin Huizenga

Video Projection

Randall Greenfield

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

Remember **John and Arlene De Jager's** neighbor, **Heather Nadolski**, as she and her family deal with terminal cancer.

Pray for healing for **Joe Durant** and that he may soon be able to return to work.

Pray for continued recovery for **Ruth Buwalda, Gerald Bossenbroek, Winnie Kuiper, Josephine Looman, Steve Smits, and Tabbie Vander Werff.**

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 Pas** 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)

Praise

Tabbie Vander Werff's successful back surgery.

Praise God that 10,000 copies of **Back to God Ministries International Chinese-language Truth Q&A booklets** have been distributed in mainland China to people hungry for more information about the Bible. We are printing an additional 10,000 booklets. Pray that this important discipleship tool will be distributed safely into the hands of those who need them most.

Requests

Remember **those who have lost a loved one.**

To add or remove a prayer request, please inform Marla



CRWRC Disaster Response Services needs your help!

Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Munster, Indiana both received extensive damage from flooding in 2008. We have opened long-term sites in both communities which we manage ourselves. Accommodations and meals are provided at no cost. Work includes carpentry, drywalling, cabinetry, painting, etc. Skilled adult volunteers are needed at these sites for 1 to 2 week assignments, especially for the period May 8 through August 28.

If you may be able to help, **please contact my co-worker Becky Purdom at bpurdom@crwrc.org or 800-848-5818.**

And if you can't help with this particular need, you know how to reach me to hear the latest about other opportunities for you or your group!

In His service,

Art Opperwall
Program Manager
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visit www.crwrc.org

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My Comforter
by Casey Patton

Lord, you've been with me through it all
through all my heartaches and pain.
You picked me up and reassured me in troubles,
and lighted my steps all of the way.

You never once deserted me
as I strayed down the path of wrong.
Instead you stayed beside me always
and led me back where I belong.

As my mind would boggle with confusion
and through the sleepless nights I thought.
You would come sit quietly beside me
and calm me with the peace you brought.

You've blessed me with all I need Lord
my home, my family, and my friends.
You have loved me unconditionally
from the beginning of time to the end.

You even sent your Son to die
so that I may be set free.
Throughout my life there's been no greater blessing
than the gift of salvation you've given to me.

Thank you for all you've done for me Lord,
I could never fully repay you in time.
In exchange for you giving your Son's life,
all I can offer to you is mine.