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First Christian Reformed Church

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.



**“He who has an ear,
let him hear...”**

The Seven Churches of Revelation

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Secretary Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 AM–3 PM
Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon
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9:30 AM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***Songs of Praise:** (see screen)

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

“We Have Come to Worship Him”

***God’s Greeting**

***We Greet Each Other**

We Confess our Sins: “Perdon Señor/ Forgive Us Lord” led by Cara Aylesworth (see screen)

Assurance of Salvation: “A New Heaven and a New Earth” R784
responsively

L: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
And there was no longer any sea.

**P: I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem,
Coming down out of heaven from God,
Prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**

L: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Now the dwelling of God is with men,
And He will live with them.
They will be His people,
And God Himself will be with them and be their God.

**P: He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”**

Song of Thanks: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” R170

(Children ages 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 ages 3-6 may leave for Children & Worship in the upstairs Youth Room.)

Ministry of Music: “On Eagles’ Wings” by Lexi De Jager

Congregational Prayer

***Scripture:** Revelation 3:14-21 by Heidi Smits

We Study God’s Word: “Lukewarm Christians”

Prayer

***Response in Song:** “Be Strong in the Lord” R734 vs. 1-3

Offertory Prayer

Offering for Local Budget

***Benediction**

***Doxology:** “Lord Most High” (see screen)

Postlude

6:50 PM Worship

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

***God’s Greeting**

Songs of Praise led by Praise Team 2

Prayers of the People led by Al Venhuizen

Offering for the Building Fund

We Study God’s Word: Judges 9:1-25

***Song of Response:** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” R602 vs. 1-4

***Affirmation of our Faith:** based on Belgic Confession, Art. 23,
responsively (see screen)

L: What do you believe about your forgiveness?

P: We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that person blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.

L: How do you come by such forgiveness?

P: We are justified “freely” or “by grace” through redemption in Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

L: Does this forgiveness give you peace with God?

P: This is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God’s approach, without doing what our first father, Adam, did, who trembled as he tried to cover himself with fig leaves.

Prayer

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Our God Reigns" G195

*Postlude

Welcome

We welcome our visitors and hope that you enjoy worshipping 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 at www.waupuncrc.com or contact Pastor Craig (324-2249) or the church office (324-2898)

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's sermon is the sixth in a series of seven from Revelation entitled "**The Seven Churches of Revelation.**" We often shy away from this last book of the Bible with its stunning imagery and symbolism. Yet, over and over it beckons us to "hear what the Spirit says to the churches"—those of long ago and of today.

This evening's service begins at 6:50 PM with an extended time of praise.

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 is 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: Revelation 3:15-16 "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

Our Family

Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing, will be home on furlough for 2 weeks before being sent back to Fort Carson, Colorado. Pray that he may enjoy relaxing with family and friends.

"Things are getting pretty hectic here as we may be deploying by the end of next month. Many decisions have to be made yet, but I should know more by next week. Please keep us in prayer. We are also still waiting for this baby of ours to come...any day now." – **Chaplain Peter Hofman**

Marge Vande Streek's grandson, Brian Vande Streek, who was previously stationed in Germany was deployed to Afghanistan last weekend. Please continue to pray for his safety and remember him as he adjusts to his new surroundings.

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

Anniversary:

Don & Linda Pausma

June

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Congratulations!

Birthday:

Ann Hoekstra

Wayne Miedema

Reegan Aylesworth

Laurel Huizenga

Josie Venhuizen

June

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July

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Beatrice Heideman

Kathryn Hinkes

Helene Navis

Thank You

"Thank you to all who prayed for me while I was ill. The prayers were answered and I have returned back to work. A special thank you to Elder Denny and Pastor Craig' for your visits and prayers." – Ken Ten Pas



Church News

There will be **no office hours** this week.



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

Our church will be preparing and serving the **Community Meal at the Waupun Area Food Pantry** this Friday and next Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Five salads and 7 desserts are still needed for this Friday** and the sign-up sheets (salad, dessert, and servers) for July 9 are now on the counter. Contact Glen Greenfield if you have questions.

The 2011 Ministry Survey will be collected during next Sunday's morning worship service. Each of us is given gifts by God to use and not to keep for ourselves. Prayerfully consider where you will commit to serving

God during this coming year. If you will be out of town, or prefer to hand it in before then, please place it in the narthex "RETURN" mailslot.



Plan to join us for another church outing as we cheer on the **Wisconsin Timber Rattlers** in Appleton on Saturday, July 17. This fun-filled evening will include a tailgate party, baseball game and fireworks! Details were in your mailslot last week or see the bulletin board. Any questions, contact Steve or Melissa.

Community Happenings

Job Opening at The Union Youth Center: Youth for Christ is searching for an Operations Manager for the Union Youth Center in Waupun. Responsibilities include leading the maintenance and cleaning needs for the facility as well as developing and leading a volunteer team for ministry to young people who frequent the youth center. Applicants should have a love for the Lord and a passion to reach un-churched youth with the gospel message. For more information or to request an application, contact Ron Riemersma at ron@fdlyc.org.

The annual **Camp Calvin worship service** will be held at 6:00 PM today at Sheboygan First CRC Everyone is invited to attend this great hour of praise & worship and to hear what happened at Camp Calvin

The Faith & Fellowship Group of Emmanuel Reformed Church located at 400 W. Brown is having an **ice cream social** this Tuesday, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Their mission project is for Words of Hope hand-cranked/wind-up radios for Sudan, Uganda, Niger, Ethiopia, and South East Asia. Donations will be gratefully accepted.



Monday, July 5, activities in downtown Friesland: Serving of food and homemade pies begins at 4:00 PM. Master's Voice (more band information on bulletin board) will be performing 6:30-8:00 PM with the Friesland Band Concert at 8:15 PM and fireworks at dusk. Join us in fun and fellowship in an alcohol-free environment.



A Garden Walk to benefit The Bible League International will be held on Tuesday, July 13, from 1 PM til ? at the Country Aire Bed and Breakfast, (Carol DeGroot) N6659 Hwy 26, Rosendale — 1 1/2 miles south of Rosendale. Goodies will be served. Donations to go to The Bible League International.



Michael Kelly Blanchard, an outstanding Christian singer-songwriter, will present a live concert in the First Christian Reformed Church of Oostburg, WI, on Friday, July 23 at 7:00 PM. Enjoy songs that stir the heart and challenge the Christian life. Limited reservations. Please call Michael DuMez at 920-564-2402 for details.



The second annual World Vision Bake sale has been set for August 19 at Bargains Galore. We will once again be needing many baked items to sell in an attempt to surpass last year's earnings. Some special requests for this year's sale include diabetic and gluten-free items as we had many requests for them last year. So, start thinking about what you can donate to this worthy cause. More details will come as the date draws closer.

Labor Day Campers there is one cabin still available and a couple of campsites. Contact Jeff Homan at 324-4930 if interested in attending this annual campout.



Did you check out the brochure for the **Wisconsin Retreat for the Bible League International** that was in your mailslot last week? This is a day to be blessed with a good speaker, music, and entertainment as well as good food and fellowship. Prayerfully consider joining us on September 21 at Second Randolph CRC to help us raise money to purchase Bibles for India. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Miedema or Phyllis Hofman.

Around the World

Volunteer with the CRC! Current opportunities available include an Organization Development Coordinator in Mozambique; Disaster Relief summer assignments in Iowa, Indiana and Utah; plus a Farm Manager in Uganda. For details and to see the full list, visit www.crcna.org/ServiceLink.

Calendar

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| Today: | 8:45 AM | First Fellowship |
| | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 AM | VBS Canvassing |
| | 6:50 PM | Evening Worship |
| | 6:30 PM | Safe Church Team |
| Wed: | 6:30 PM | Safe Church Team |
| Thu: | 6:00 PM | All-Star Co-ed Softball @ Edgewood |
| Fri: | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Community Meal @ the Waupun Area Food Pantry |
| Next Sun: | 8:45 AM | First Fellowship |
| | 9:30 AM | Ministry Surveys are due |

June 21

Greetings:

Health update: I regret there are some I thought knew and I had inadvertently failed to inform and, with others, the other way around.



Primarily for the sake of what Neen and I are led to

do: I thank the Lord that, in spite of all the physical difficulties, we are blessed as all seems manageable—and indeed even curable depending on one's point of view—while I can remain fully functional through any period of adjustment thus far.

Briefly:

My eyes remain in good shape with the marginal glaucoma in check. My cataract is about the same as three years ago and, for the first time in memory, virtually no prescription change.

My exact hearing status is technically unknown except for an approximate 60% loss and some of that depending on interactive and surrounding conditions. Next tests will be July 13th.

As for my HCV: Lord willing, I meet with the doctor for the first time next Tuesday. As of now I know little as to what treatments entail as I will also be seeking answers all the time.

Meanwhile I am indescribably thankful for all of you that have reached out in so many ways—standing with Neen and me for so long.

Please pray for Neen whom I pray is bearing up well under a probable year-long separation but in which I trust the Lord will use and is, in fact, using to her advantage and all those with whom she is in contact—particularly among the men in prison.

God keep you along with our thanks,

Brother Bob and Neen

Are You Ready for Adventure This Summer?

When: July 19-22, 9:00 AM to Noon
Where: 1st CRC
Who: Four year olds through upcoming 5th graders.



We can't do it without your help!

- ✓ Come and join us after this morning's service to go **canvassing for one hour in our neighborhood** to drum up more kids for VBS! Meet Dominique in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✓ Please **sign up to help bring the food** that will be used at VBS! The sign up sheet is on the VBS table. Please bring all items to church by Sunday, July 11.
- ✓ **Volunteer sheets** are on the VBS table. **We need Crew Leaders!** "What is a Crew Leader?" you may ask. A Crew Leader leads a group of 5 to 6 kids to and from each station. You are their guide for the week and you have nothing to prepare—just be here to help them have a great time getting to know Jesus. Here are a few quotes from last years Crew Leaders:

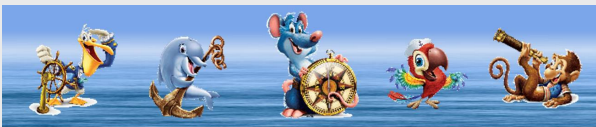
"Try it, you'll enjoy it!"

"Seeing the kids praising God was amazing."

What did you like best? - *"Meeting new kids and sharing God's love."*

- ✓ **Skip the registration line on the first day of VBS by pre-registering** your child(ren) at the VBS table or sign them up online at www.waupuncrc.com/vbs_register.cfm.
- ✓ Purchase the **VBS High Seas Expedition CD** for the kids to listen to. It will help them learn the songs and get everyone in the family excited for VBS. Please contact Dominique for a \$4 CD or sign up on the VBS table.
- ✓ **Donate items for decorating**, placing them in the bins labeled VBS Decorations. If you would like your item returned please write your name on the item. **VBS Decorating Needs:** Rope lights: blue or green, lanterns, wooden crates, trunks, greenery, rope(lots), green and blue plastic table cloths, anchor, white or blue sheets for sails, old string mops, world maps, wooden barrels, large bell, stuffed animals; lobsters, crabs, parrots, spiders, pelicans, dolphins, whales.

Thanks - Dominique and Joe



This Morning

Accompanist

Cara Aylesworth

Children & Worship

Teacher: Brenda Kamphuis

Helpers: Becca Smits
Whitney Wierenga

Fellowship Coffee

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

Greeters

Eric & Stacy Schaver

Library

Marcia Buteyn

Marge Vande Streek

Arlene De Jager

Nursery

Steve & Melissa Wierenga

Luke Jansen

Sound System

Pete Vander Werff

Transportation

Percy D.V. (324-4678)

Glen & Sandy G. (346-5152)

Ushers

Keith Buwalda

Don Pausma

Thomas Venhuizen

Trevor Zonnefeld

Video Projection

Lois Mulder

Missionary Letters

Mickey D. to Daryl Pfantz

Sarah D. to Brother Bob⁺

Joe D. to Chaplain Peter

⁺Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.

This Evening

Accompanist

Laura Ten Pass

Greeters

Dan, Jan, & Nate Scheuers

Nursery

Michelle Mulder

Becca Smits

Sound System

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Next Week

Accompanist

AM – Laura Ten Pass

PM – Junice Rens

Children's Message

Laura Venhuizen

Children & Worship

Teacher: Pete Vander Werff

Helpers: Breanna Smits

Cody Zonnefeld

Fellowship Coffee

Steve & Heidi Smits

Greeters

AM – Brad, Rhonda, Joshua,
Jolie, & Jenna Schouten

PM – Merle & Dorothy
Schouten

Library

Sandy Greenfield

Nancy Wierenga

Faith Miedema

Musical Praise

Merle Schouten

Nursery

AM – Dominique Van Hill

Sue Buwalda

Thomas Venhuizen

PM – Kim Greenfield

Trevor Zonnefeld

Offering

AM – Local Budget

PM – Classical Ministry Shares

Pastoral Prayer

Gregg Zonnefeld

Scripture Reader

Erin Homan

Sound System

Seth Aylesworth

Transportation

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

Ushers

Jack De Jager

Jordan De Jager

Ray Hofman

Dave Rens

Video Projection

Steve Wierenga

Prayer List



Shut-Ins

Gerald Bossenbroek
Hazel Buwalda
Junice Kamphuis
Millie Kuiper
Bud Navis
Minnie Tobak

Ruby Buteyn
Bea Heideman
Eugene Kikkert
Josie Looman
Wilma Navis

Health

Remember **Don Bronkhorst** who has been diagnosed with cancer. His wife is also not well, one son is terminally ill, and the other son is disabled.

Pastor & Joyce Haan's granddaughter, Brittany Haan, has experienced fainting spells. Pray that the doctors will be able to diagnose and treat the problem.

Pray for **Kathryn Hinkes** as she deals with loss of feeling in her legs.

Remember **Brother Bob** as he undergoes testing and treatments.

Nancy Vande Berg met with a neurologist to try to determine why she is experiencing memory loss. Pray that a resolution may be found.

Uplift **Louie Wierenga's sister, Connie**, who is undergoing chemo treatments.

Pray for relief from pain for **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 as he enjoys his time home on furlough

Chaplain Peter Hofman (Fort Bragg, NC)

Marge Vande Streek's grandson, Brian Vande Streek (Afghanistan)

Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry as he enjoys his time home on furlough

Request

Remember **Neen Kocmoud** during Brother Bob's absence.

Pray for a **heart of giving** towards the church budget.

Uplift the **AIDS Orphans in Zambia** whose orphanages are closing due to lack of financial support.

Praise

Thank the Lord that Ken Ten Pas has been able to return to work.

To add or remove request, please inform Marla.