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# First Christian Reformed Church

## **Focus on Leadership Conference**

A practical hands-on workshop for  
Elders, Deacons, Church Leaders, Teachers,  
and Bible Study Coordinators.

**Sunday, August 29**



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# 9:30 AM Worship

(\*Please stand if you are able)

## **The Opening**

Prelude

\*We Greet Each Other

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise

## **Confession and Assurance**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Call to Gratitude

(Afterwards, children ages 3 years through 4<sup>th</sup> grade may come forward for the Children's Message.)

## **We Hear the Word of God**

Children's Message

Led by Laura Venhuizen

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

Song of Preparation: "The Ends of all the Earth Shall Hear" G542:1, 2, and 4

\*Scripture: Psalm 51

Text: Psalm 51:18

Sermon: "Our Father's Kingdom"

1. The Momentous Manifestation
2. The Magnanimous Manifestation
3. The Marvelous Manifestation

Prayer of Application

## **The Response of the People**

\*Song of Response: "Lead on O King Eternal" G555

Congregational and Offertory Prayer

Offering: Local Budget

## **Dismissed to Serve**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Unto God Almighty" G620:3

\*Postlude

## **Accompanist**

Cara Aylesworth

## **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Dominique Van Hill

Helpers: Lexi De Jager

Luke Jansen

## **Fellowship Coffee**

Pete & Tabbie Vander Berg

## **Greeters**

Liz Van Zanen

Marge Vande Streek

## **Library**

Marcia Buteyn

Sandy Greenfield

Faith Miedema

## **Nursery**

Dale & Beth Andrew

Jason De Jager

## **Sound System**

Seth Aylesworth

## **Transportation**

Randy Kamphuis (324-2160)

Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

## **Ushers**

Ben Homan

Jacob Mulder

Tyler Ten Pass

Keith Venhuizen

## **Video Projection**

Mike Vander Berg

## **Missionary Letters**

Pastor Norman to Daryl Pfantz

Grace H. to Brother Bob

Dick H. to Chaplain Peter<sup>+</sup>

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

# 7:00 PM Worship

(\*Please stand if you are able)

## ***The Opening***

- Prelude
- \*Call to Worship
- \*Opening Song: "Come, All You People,  
Praise Our God" G242:1-3
- \*God's Greeting

## ***Time of Prayer and Praise***

- Musical Praise led by Gene Hofman
- Prayers of the People led by Brian O'Donovan

## ***We Hear the Word of God***

- \*Scripture: Psalm 3
- Text: Psalm 3
- Sermon: "When Life is Too Hard"
  1. The Difficult Description
  2. The Satisfying Security
- Prayer of Application

## ***The Response of the People***

- \*Song of Response: "How Firm A Foundation" G500:1, 2, and 5
- \*Affirmation of Faith: "I Believe in God the Father" G519
- Offertory Prayer
- Offering: Building Fund

## ***The Dismissal***

- \*Parting Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" G544:1-3
- \*Benediction
- \*Doxology: "He Is Lord" G633
- \*Postlude

## ***Accompanist***

Brenda Hofman

## ***Greeters***

Dominique & Parker Van Hill

## ***Nursery***

Shelly Bronkhorst  
Jordan De Jager

## ***Sound System***

Seth Aylesworth

## ***Transportation***

Randy Kamphuis (324-2160)  
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

## ***Video Projection***

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## **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](http://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**

Thank you to **Pastor Norman Haan** for leading us in worship today. Lord willing, Pastor Craig and the other Youth Group leaders/members returned home from Colorado late last night/early this 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 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.

## **Our Family**

In honor of **John and Arlene De Jager's** upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9, their children invite friends and family to celebrate God's faithfulness at an **Open House** here at First CRC this Saturday, August 7, 1:00-3:00 PM. A program will be presented at 1:30 PM. No gifts, please.

**Harry Homan** continues to experience back pain. The shots he has been receiving in his back are no longer effective. He consulted with doctors again this past week, but they are unable to find a resolution to the problem. They do not recommend back surgery. Please pray that the Lord will grant Harry comfort and relief from his pain.

**Bud Navis's** health seems to be declining. Some days are better than others. Please keep him in your prayers; and, as always, he would enjoy having visitors.

**Steve Smits** was admitted to the Waupun Memorial Hospital early Thursday morning with blood clots in both lungs. No update was available at the time the bulletin was printed. Please keep Steve and the family in your prayers.

Due to complications with her feeding tube, **Nancy Wierenga** was still hospitalized at the time the bulletin was printed. It is expected to take up to 4 weeks for her to recover, so she will be receiving Home Care once she is released. Her complication is a result of blood and fluid build-up from the surgery. She could undergo a second surgery to relieve the pressure, but it not recommended due to the high chance of infection. Your prayers are desired, but Louie and Nancy request no visitors at this time so that she can rest.

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

<b><u>Anniversary:</u></b>	<b>Aug</b>		<b>Aug</b>
Joshua & Jessica Laabs	1	Steve & Heidi Smits	4
Jack & Marla De Jager	2	Brian & Laura Ten Pass	4
Harry & Pat Homan	2	Ray & Brenda Hofman	6
Jon & Kim Venhuizen	2	Ian & Heather Skinner	6
Dale & Jean Jansen	3	Keith & Laura Venhuizen	6
Bob & Yvonne Greenfield	4	Brother Bob & Neen Kocmoud	7

<b><u>Birthday:</u></b>	<b>Aug</b>		<b>Aug</b>
Elaine Greenfield	1	Deb Turnmeyer	4
Mike Rens	3	Pete Vander Werff	4
Nate Rens	3	Claire Jansen	6
Becca Smits	3	Max Wierenga	7
Phil Hofman	4		

*Congratulations*

### **Church News**

**College Students (or parents thereof):** please email Marla your school mailing and email address before you head off to college.



Please note that the Mary & Martha Society will no longer **collect used stamps** as there is no longer anyone processing them. Thank you for your past contributions.

If the Lord has blessed you with an over-abundance of garden produce, please share them with other members of our congregation by placing them on the **Give & Take Produce** table. Any produce left after Sunday evening will be donated to the Waupun Are Food Pantry.



The Worship Committee is looking for **people willing to read the scripture passage** during the morning services. If you are willing to minister in this way, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Contact Sue Buwalda if you have questions.

**Do you regret not purchasing a CD of the VBS songs?** If so, you're not the only one, so Dominique will be placing an additional CD order tomorrow. Please contact her at 324-2249 **today** if you'd like to purchase one for \$5.



If you forgot to **pick up your donated items** after VBS, please check the kitchen counter.

A **3-wheeled scooter** was left after VBS. Please check the kitchen if it is yours and your friend's.

**CRWRC Disaster Response Services** has received an **urgent request** from officials in **Milwaukee**, asking that we send volunteers that could help with cleanup in the areas that experienced severe flooding last week. DRS is sending a small crew from its base in Michigan, along with appropriate equipment which was to arrive this past Friday, probably working through this week. We would like to supplement this team with volunteers from our churches in the area. Details are still coming together, but if you might be able to help, please call 800-848-5818 or email [drs@crwrc.org](mailto:drs@crwrc.org) as soon as possible.



**Sign up in the narthex TODAY for the service trip to Cedar Rapids, IA** We will leave from church Thursday, September 9, late afternoon/early evening and return on Sunday, the 12th, late afternoon/early evening. We plan to work all day Friday and Saturday. There will be work for all levels of skill (or lack of skill). The minimum age allowed is 14 years old. However, ages 14 through high school must be accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$75 per person. We hope to have a fund raiser to offset some of that expense. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this project. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Gary or Katie.

**The Safe Church Team** will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the basement.

**Installation of new Council members** will take place next Sunday morning. Those chosen for the office of Elder are Jack De Jager, Dale Huizenga, and Dan Scheuers. Those chosen for the office of Deacon are Percy De Vries and Ray Hofman. We thank our out-going Elders (Jim Groenewold, Den Vande Berg, Louie Wierenga) and Deacons (Joe Durant and Gene Hofman) for their service and leadership over the past three years.

**Attention YOUNG ADULTS:** On Saturday, August 21, we are planning a day at the lake: skiing, tubing, knee boarding, wake boarding, fishing and water volleyball. Gene and Toni Hofman's cottage on Lake Sharon (about 1 hour north of Waupun) is the place where all the fun and fellowship is happening. We will be leaving First CRC at 9:30 AM. Come and enjoy the food and fun. Call Toni Hofman at 920-960-2748 or Jenna Hofman at 920-583-3832 or John Mulder at 920-382-8519 if you'd like to join us or have questions.



**The countdown has begun!** Only 3 more weeks until our **Focus on Leadership Conference** on August 22. You won't want to miss it, so grab a brochure from the narthex counter and fill out the registration form. (Or, if you keep forgetting to do that, just email the church office informing us of your intended attendance.) The fee will be waived for members of our congregation, but we still need your registration for the meal count. Complete speaker and sectional information as well as registration forms are available in the narthex.





**Food donations and workers are needed** for the Focus on Leadership Conference. Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to minister in this way.

### **Community Happenings**

If you'd like to contribute to Church Women United of Waupun Area's **School Supplies Drive** for the needy families in our area, please put your items on the narthex table **today**. Requested items are:



Back-Packs  
Binders  
Calculators  
Compasses  
Erasers  
Facial Tissue (Small Box or Packs)  
Glue Sticks  
Index Cards  
Hi-lighters  
Markers (Washable)

Pencil Cases  
Pens - Red  
Pocket Folders  
Post-It Notes  
Protractors  
Rulers  
Scissors (Fiskars Sharp Point)  
Water Color Paints  
WIDE Lined Loose Leaf Paper  
WIDE Lined Spiral Notebooks

Hey Kids! Get ready to Zip, Zap, and Zoom for Jesus at Trinity's VBS, **Planet Zoom**. Children ages 3-10 are welcome to join us for an exciting week of learning what it means to be bold bee-lievers in Christ. Zoom on in to Trinity Reformed Church, 521 S. Madison, August 2-6 from 6-8PM. Call Megan at 324-2400 if you have questions.

**Important Information for Veterans & Their Spouses:** Did you know that Veterans and their spouses may qualify for tax free money for extended care? To be eligible for the Aid & Attendance Pension benefit the veteran must have served in active duty for at least 90 days, with at least one day during a declared state of war. And if you are a surviving spouse, were married to the veteran at the time of his passing you may be eligible as well. The Christian Living Center cordially invites area citizens to learn more about the Aid & Attendance Pension benefit when you attend a seminar presented by a Benefits Specialist from the US Veterans Council on Tuesday, August 3, at 2:00 pm at the Christian Living Center.



Faith Christian School of Randolph's 5th annual **10K/5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Classic** is this Saturday. Registration forms and more information are available on their website at [www.randolphfcs.org](http://www.randolphfcs.org).

**August Art for Autism:** MarshView Ministries is teaming up with the Mad Polecats and local artists on Sunday afternoon, August 8, to help support Wisconsin Friends of Autism, a non-profit group dedicated to helping with resources and financial aid to families struggling with autism. See the bulletin board for additional information.

**The Zion Congregational** (also known as Old Stone Church of Alto) **Annual Service** will be held at 2:00 PM on August 15. Pastor Ben Bruins will give the message, and special music will be provided by Louie Bock. A free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will follow.

### **Calendar**

<b>Today:</b>	8:45 AM	First Fellowship
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	7:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Tue:</b>	6:30 PM	Safe Church Team
<b>Wed:</b>	6:00 PM	Co-ed Softball @ Edgewood
<b>Sat:</b>	1:00-3:00 PM	John & Arlene De Jager's Open House
<b>Next Sun:</b>	8:45 AM	First Fellowship

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### **Next Week**

#### ***Accompanist***

AM - Junice Rens  
PM - Laura Ten Pass

#### ***Children's Message***

Dominique Van Hill

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

Teacher: Brenda Kamphuis  
Helpers: Jason De Jager  
Lucas Vander Berg

#### ***Fellowship Coffee***

Phil & Mary Nell Hofman

#### ***Greeters***

AM – Den & Nancy Vande Berg  
PM – Paul & Delores Vande Kolk

#### ***Library***

Nancy Wierenga  
Dorothy Schouten  
Lori Kitchner

#### ***Musical Praise***

Ben Homan

#### ***Nursery***

AM – Scott & Jen Ritzema  
Breanna Smits  
PM – Steve & Melissa Wierenga  
Lexi De Jager

#### ***Offering***

AM – Education Fund  
PM – Christian Reformed  
World Missions

#### ***Pastoral Prayer***

Keith Venhuizen

#### ***Scripture Reader***

Pete Vander Werff

#### ***Sound System***

Dan Scheuers

#### ***Transportation***

Randy Kamphuis (324-2160)  
Louie Wierenga (324-3683)

#### ***Ushers***

Ben Homan  
Jacob Mulder  
Tyler Ten Pass  
Keith Venhuizen

#### ***Video Projection***

Lois Mulder

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Greetings from Neen in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

I would like to give you some update about what is happening in the prisons here.

Wherever prison we go here we are accepted and we are thankful to the Lord for that blessing for He always open doors for us in the prisons here. Almost all of the Jail Warden and officers helps us in any way, especially to secure the place where we held our Bible study; and if sometimes the inmates increased, we get crowded they are very willing to provide for us a new place where we can do the Bible study even though the inmates never complain with being crowded.

The inmates were grateful for that and especially for the Word and for our faithfulness of going there always. Brother Bob's lesson for them is very applicable to them and it speaks to their hearts because they are about their relationship with the Lord and with each other.

It's very hard for me to accept the first time I learned that Bob had a cancer, just like i can't believed it that it's happening to us. I cried to the Lord and I beg his mercy, I told the Lord that I need Bob, especially in my spiritual life and also the Prison Ministry,

I also thank the Lord and for those people like you who prayed for us. He gave me strength to accept it and strength so I can continue to go to the prisons and teach His Word there even though my heart is still grieving.

I told the inmates about Bob and they were very sad and some of the jails give a special prayer for Bro Bob. Almost all of them are sending their love and thanks for him for all his faithfulness to them and they want to see him again.

I am also thankful to the Lord for all of you who helped us in so many ways, so that the work here will still go on, and especially for your prayer for Bob and for ministry and for my sake also. You are all a blessing to us and especially to the men in Prison.

Your Sister in the Lord,

Neen



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## Speaker Highlight



Dr. H. David Schuringa is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church. He is a graduate of Trinity Christian College (B.A.), Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (M.A.R.; M.Div.), Calvin Theological Seminary (Th.M.) and the Theologische Universiteit te Kampen, The Netherlands (Ph.D.). Dr. Schuringa served as senior pastor of two established churches in West Michigan and planted a church in Southern California. He taught for nine years at Westminster Seminary California and served as an adjunct professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and Kuyper College in Grand Rapids. In 1999, Dr. Schuringa accepted the appointment to head the rapidly growing ministry of Crossroad Bible Institute. In 2005 he founded The Center for Advanced Studies at CBI. He is also the host of the weekly radio program *Crossroad Connection*, a voice for restorative justice ([www.cbi.fm](http://www.cbi.fm)).

## Session Highlight

### “Children at the Lord’s Supper”

The CRCNA is discussing the advisability of welcoming children to the table and the Faith Formation Synodical Study Committee is looking into how this might fit with the overall formation of faith in our children as well as the rest of the membership. Dr. H. David Schuringa is serving on this committee and will give an overview of its five-year mandate, as well as seek feedback from YOU as to what the church and its families need by way of resources and tools to do a more effective job of discipling our covenant children.

### “The Faith Formation of Prisoners”

The prisons and jails constitute the largest mission field in North America, and research indicates that prisoners who are disciplined during incarceration are less likely to become repeat offenders. Dr. H. David Schuringa will report how Crossroad Bible Institute’s program is expanding dramatically world-wide, how they are seeking to help prisoners once they are released, how YOU can get involved in a safe and secure way, and how CBI can partner with any church’s already-existing ministry to prisoners.

# 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

**Kathryn Hinkes** continues to experience increased pain. Pray for relief.

Pray for comfort for **Harry Homan**.

Pray for **Brother Bob and Neen** as they make health and ministry decisions.

Pray that **Bud Navis** will feel the Lord's presence on the good days and the bad.

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

Remember **Dewey & Lois Pausma's friend, Doris**, as she continues cancer treatments.

Pray for **Merle Schouten's nephew's wife, Cara**, who received a pancreas transplant two years ago. Her body is now rejecting the transplant.

Pray that **Steve Smits'** blood clots will dissolve without any complications.

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

Pray for a quicker-than-expected recovery for **Nancy Wierenga** and peace and patience for her and Louie during this difficult time.

## 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) as he prepares to deploy to Afghanistan

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

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

## Request

Ask the Lord's blessing upon those working with **CRWRC Disaster Response Services in Milwaukee**.

Pray for the upcoming **Focus on Leadership Workshop** – health for the speakers, that it will be well-attended, that those attending will be equipped and energized to service in God's kingdom.

## Praise

Praise God for blessing John & Arlene De Jager with (almost) 50 years of marriage.

Thank God for **Youth Leaders** who give of their time, talents, and treasures for our young people.

To add or remove a request, please contact Marla.

# The Treasure Principle

A few years ago, we were asked to read a valuable little book by Randy Alcorn entitled The Treasure Principle. A copy is available in the church office for anyone who wishes to reread it as we commit to the new financial year.

A brief summary of its wisdom is below:

## Treasure Principle

**You can't take it with you—but you *can* send it on ahead.**

### Treasure Principle Keys

**God owns everything. I'm His money manager.**

We are the manager of the assets God  
has entrusted—not given—to us.

**My heart always goes where I put God's money.**

Watch what happens when you reallocate your  
money from temporal things to eternal things.

**Heaven, not earth, is my home.**

We are citizen of "a better country—a heavenly one."  
(Hebrews 11:16)

**I should live not for the dot but for the line.**

From the dot—our present life on earth—extends a line  
that goes on forever, which is eternity in heaven.

**Giving is the only antidote to materialism.**

Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda.  
It dethrones me and exalts Him.

**God prospers me not to raise my standard of living  
but to raise my standard of giving.**

God gives us more money than we need so we can give—generously.