

First Reformed Church



**Thanksgiving Worship Service
Wednesday at 7:00 pm**

**Join us for an interactive Thanksgiving Service
See bulletin insert for details**

Our Vision

Seeking God - Nurturing One Another - Reaching Others For Christ

Our Mission

Our mission as a body of believers is to grow God's Kingdom through spiritual growth, loving and caring fellowship and sharing the hope and joy of God's grace

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November 18, 2018

A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship.
May the incomparable blessings that come from God alone touch each of us.

A nursery is available in the lower level of the church.

Children's bulletins, children's activity bags and large print bulletins
are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (November 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (November 25)</u>
Greeters	Jack & Ann Wells	Howard & Kari Loomans
Ushers	Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier	Zander Disbrow Bill Eichstadt Jim Levey Kevin Van Buren
Door Greeters		
Upstairs	Steve & Kim Perry	Nicole Lang and Family
Downstairs East Door	Elton & Betty Ter Beest	Ron & Henri Raith
Nursery	Sarah Lemmenes Josie Williamson	Stephanie Levey Paige Van Buren
Elders Greeting	BJ De Maa Ron Schaalma Wayne Tavs	Ray Freriks Keith Jansma Jerry Riel
Soundboard	BJ DeMaa	Kurt De Vries
Power Point	Kaylin DeMaa	Nicole and Austin Lang

November Schedules

Hospital: Elton Ter Beest

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Transportation: Wayne & Wilma Van Buren

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Prayer Time: 8:45 am in the back of the Chapel.

Sunday School: 10:15 - 11:00 am for ages 3 years old thru adults.

- 3 year olds - 3rd Grade meet downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- 4th & 5th Grade meet in the Triple Room
- 6th - 8th Grade meet in the Coffee Room
- 9th - 12th Grade meet in the Youth Room
- Adults meet in the Consistory Room

Monday:

AIM: 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Come join us as we make quilts for missions.

Tuesday:

Worship Planning Team Meeting: 5:30 pm in the Consistory Room.

Missions Team Meeting: 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

Team Meetings: 6:30 pm in the Triple Room. (Caring & Sharing Team will not meet.)

Wednesday: Regular Wednesday activities will not meet this week.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: 7:00 pm. See bulletin insert for more information.

Decorating the Church: Following the Thanksgiving Worship service everyone is invited to lend a hand in decorating First Reformed for the Christmas Season. Many hands make light work and all assistance is very much appreciated.

Thursday:

Bell Choir Practice: We will not meet this week.

Saturday:

Men's' Huddle: 7:00 - 8:00 am at Helen's Kitchen in Waupun.

Upcoming Dates

- December 2 - Christmas Carol Sing at 6:30 pm at First Reformed
- December 9 - Children's Christmas Program as part of the Worship Service at 9:00 am
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday Worship Service

November 18, 2018

9:00 am

Prelude: Mary Navis

Bells Introit: "Let All Things Now Living"

(Bells will play thru once. Congregation will then join in to sing Hymn #794 verses 1 & 2)

Greeting

Bell Choir: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Praise Song: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

(led by Amanda DeVries, and Keith & Cheri Jansma)

Offering Song: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" (congregation may be seated)

(led by Amanda DeVries, and Keith & Cheri Jansma)

Scripture: John 1:1-14 (page 1645)

Message: Who Is Jesus?

Hymn #79: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (congregation may remain seated)

Prayer

*Benediction

*Hymn #447: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Please stand if you are able

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Congregational News

Congregational Meeting:

- The recommendation from Consistory to set aside our bylaws for 1 year and reduce the Consistory size to 16 (8 elders and 8 deacons) was approved.
- We are excited to welcome our new elders and deacons who will begin serving in 2019. Elders elected were Steve Perry and Larry Navis. Deacons elected were Mike Graves and Jon Schmaltz.
- The 2019 General Fund and Benevolent Budgets were approved.

Caring & Sharing Team Meeting: Will be held Sunday, December 2, at 8:30 am in the Consistory Room.

Sunday School Teacher Needed: We are currently looking for a teacher for Sr. High Sunday School. Kristin is available to work with a volunteer in a rotation or cover when you are unable to be there. This is a great opportunity to get to know and teach some of our youth about your love for God. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Braaksma.

Director of Preschool and Elementary Outreach Position is Still Available: Kari Loomans has agreed to take this position on as an interim to keep our programs going. She is willing to train anyone who may be interested in taking it on but was a little unsure about getting started. The individual will focus on areas such as Sunday School, Awana, Vacation Bible School and the Christmas Program. The position is being targeted at 15 hours per week. If this position interests you or someone you know feel free to get in touch with a member of the Education Team. A complete job description is available in the office.

Attention Juniors and Seniors: The Scholarship Committee would like you to know that there are certain funds available to students attending Reformed colleges and also any other Christian college for college tuition. Should you decide to attend one of our Reformed Church colleges or another Christian college and are in need of financial assistance, please contact the church office at 324-2321 to obtain the names of the Scholarship Committee members. We are ready to help you attain your goal of a higher education.

Bulletin: The deadline for bulletin announcements this week is noon on Wednesday.

Ushers, Door Greeters and Nursery Volunteers: If you currently serve in any of these areas, sign-up in the entryway if you are unable to serve in 2019. New volunteers are always welcome too! If you are interested in serving as a new volunteer in any of these areas, please also sign-up in the entryway. If you have served this past year and would like to continue in 2019, you do not need to sign-up. Your name will be included in the 2019 schedule. A BIG THANK YOU to each person who shares their gifts to serve in these areas of ministry. You are very much appreciated!

Bowls/Plates: After cleaning the church kitchen, the items on the tables in the carport are unclaimed extras. If you have a need for any of these items, please give them a home. The leftovers will be taken to Bargains Galore.

Additional Congregational News

Thanksgiving Offering: The Thanksgiving Offering is being designated to Jill & Steve Renner (daughter and son-in-law of George & Liz Scheuers) to help with medical expenses, as well as expenses from loss of employment.

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2, at 6:30 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A free will offering will be taken for C.A.R.E. of Dodge County which provides resources to community members trying to bridge the gap between substance abuse disorder and recovery. There are posters available in the entryway. Please help promote this event by taking one or more to display at your place of work or an area business.

Mitten Tree: First Reformed is collecting hats, mittens, scarves and socks for the Waupun Holiday Help Program. These items will be distributed to children in need in the Waupun area. Please place your items under the Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary

Congregational Care

Thank You: Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and also food that was brought in while I was recuperating from shoulder surgery and shingles. Lorna Patrouille.

Invitations

Blood Drive: At Bethel Reformed Church (305 W. Main Street, Brandon) on Tuesday, November 20, 1:00 - 6:00 pm. For an appointment call 346-2966. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Pella Lutheran Church (315 S. Madison Street, Waupun) will serve their annual Thanksgiving Day meal at 12 noon on Thursday, November 22. All singles, couples and families are invited. Please phone a reservation to Jan Harmsen (920-642-3732) or Lora Huizenga (324-3321), so the proper amount of food can be prepared. There is no charge for attending. Transportation is also available in Waupun.

REACH Invitation: Still looking for an opportunity to give to those in need on Giving Tuesday? Then please consider a donation to REACH Waupun. Donations received will continue our work in the community through the REACH One Mentor program, Mission Backpack, Family Night and REACH Relief. As our way of saying thank you for your continued support, we invite you to join us for a free community luncheon on Tuesday, November 27, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Werner Harmsen Event Center (201 E. Jefferson Street). Donations can be made online at www.reachwaupun.org/donate or at the luncheon. Help REACH make a difference for families in the Waupun community with your gifts!