

# First Reformed Church



Make plans to attend the  
**Lenten Coffee Hour**  
on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am



Sign up in the entryway.  
See bulletin announcement 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 with our community.

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March 31, 2019

A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship.  
May the incomparable blessings that come from God alone touch each of us.  
*Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147:1)*

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.

An usher would be happy to assist you with these items.

## Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (March 31)</u>	<u>Next Week (April 7)</u>
<b>Greeters</b>	Vince & Ellen Decker	Jerry & Luanne Hull
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth Group	Chase Van Buren Gage Van Buren Paige Van Buren
<b>Door Greeters</b>		
<b>Upstairs</b>	Howard Loomans	Elton & Betty Ter Beest
<b>Downstairs East Door</b>	Ray Freriks	Bill & Carol Eichstadt
<b>Nursery</b>	Becky De Vries Chase Van Buren	Cindy De Vries Amanda De Vries
<b>Elders Greeting</b>	Steve Perry BJ DeMaa Ron Schaalma	Wayne Tavs Ray Freriks Keith Jansma
<b>Soundboard</b>	John Nyhuis	John Nyhuis
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole and Austin Lang	Kelley Van Buren

## March Schedules

**Hospital:** Wayne Tavs  
**Flowers:** Carol DeHaan  
**Library:** Waunita Schlom

## Opportunities This Week

### Sunday:

**Caring & Sharing Meeting:** 8:30 am in the Consistory Room.

**Scholarship Team Meeting:** 10:30 am in the Consistory Room.

**Prayer Time:** Meet in the chapel area by the grandfather clock at 8:45 am for a short time of prayer with Pastor Barry before the worship service.

**Adult Sunday School:** Our class will not meet this week. We will resume on April 7.

**Sunday School:** 10:15 - 11:00 am. Class locations are:

- ◆ 3 year olds - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Triple Room      ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Coffee Room
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Youth Room

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

**Sacraments Requests:** If you are interested in requesting baptism, confession of faith or any other membership changes, a couple of the elders will be available to meet with you at 6:15 pm in Pastor Barry's office.

**Consistory Meeting:** Elders and Deacons will meet separately at 6:30 pm. Full Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm in the Consistory Room.

### Wednesday:

**XYZ:** 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Triple Room.

**Jr. Youth Group:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 6-8.

**Sr. Youth Group:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 9-12.

**Adult Choir Practice:** We will not meet this week.

### Thursday:

**Bell Choir Practice:** 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

### Saturday:

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

## **Sunday Worship Service**

March 31, 2019

9:00 am

Prelude - Kim Perry

Call to Worship

\*Praise Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (led by Keith & Cheri Jansma)

Children's Message

Adult Choir: My God is Real

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-28 (page 75)

Message: Joseph Week 7: Sent Ahead

\*Song #11: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer

Offering

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Song #63: All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 2 & 3)

\*Please stand if you are able

## **Church Contact Information**

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## Congregational News

**Community Table:** The Waupun Food Pantry Community Table is in need of some volunteer help. The most pressing need is for 2-3 more people to help coordinate during the Friday meals. We have been very fortunate over the last 7 years to have Ann Hoekstra fill this role weekly. Upon her retirement, we decided to split up the coordinator role so volunteers would only need to serve 1-2 Fridays a month. If this is something that you might be interested in doing, please call Ron Schaalma. It is a great opportunity to serve right here in Waupun. You will be able to meet new people, build relationships, and share your faith. The time commitment on a Friday is roughly from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Among other things you would help serve the guests, keep track of numbers served and work with community groups who are bringing the food.

**Lenten Coffee Hour:** Women's Ministries will host a Lenten Coffee Hour on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men and women are encouraged to attend and invite their family and friends. Pastor Barry will be the keynote speaker. Special music will be provided by Cheryl Ross accompanied by Jon Schmaltz. A freewill offering will be received for the Waupun Food Pantry. Egg bake, warm fruit, and cinnamon bread will be served. Sign-up in the entryway if you are able to attend or can help serve.

**Easter Supper:** Our church, along with Alto Reformed and Trinity Reformed, will be hosting a free Easter Supper on April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at The Union. There are sign-up sheets on the information desk listing all the ways you can help - by bringing a food item, helping to set-up, to serve, etc. We would also like you to sit and enjoy this meal with the members of our community and get to know them. This is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

**Maundy Thursday Worship:** For Maundy Thursday, we are going to have an interactive worship event. We will start our evening in the sanctuary but will be moving around to different rooms on the main floor throughout the night. Our hope is to get us all thinking about the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. The evening will end with the Lord's Supper. The service will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast:** Because of Easter being a busy time for families, it was decided to do a breakfast on Palm Sunday. We are looking for any small group or individuals who would be willing to organize the breakfast for Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kyle Braaksma at 920-583-5722 by Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, if you are interested.

**Address Correction:** First Reformed supports Jerry Wallendal's jail ministry through Youth for Christ. His correct address is: Jerry & Leota Wallendal, 2 Reids Drive, Waupun.

**MOVE Team Meeting:** We will meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Triple Room.

**Nursery Schedule:** A new nursery schedule will be made for the months of May, June and July. If you would like to add your name or remove your name from the volunteer list, please contact the church office at 324-2321 or office@firstreformedwaupun.com by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Assignments for the Community Table on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** If you signed up for preparing/serving at the Community Table and/or you signed up for donating food, check your mailboxes today for instructions. Remember, it is possible you signed up but are not asked to serve for this opportunity. If that is the case, we will involve you at the next one on July 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are assigned but cannot participate or you have questions, call Shirley Hopp at 324-3143.

## Congregational Care

**Thank You:** I would like to thank my church family for the kind words, prayers and cards I received concerning the death of Joe Kloostra, the father of Julie and David.  
From Betty Kloostra

**Thank You:** A GREAT BIG THANK YOU goes to Awana leaders, Pastor Barry, Awana helpers and kitchen staff, parents, whomever you are and however you served, thank you so very much for walking as disciples. Thank you for investing in the lives of children from our church and the community. You made a wonderful difference in the lives of these children. We are so incredibly grateful for you! Thank you for an amazing year! Kari Loomans, Awana Director and the Education Team.

## Invitations

**Men's Bible Study Retreat:** This one-day retreat will be held at the Green Lake Conference Center on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; lunch and snacks are included for free. This Bible study is based on the movie "Woodlawn", a moving and inspirational film based on the true story of how one community used love and unity to purpose to overcome hate and division in early 1970s. From this study, we will learn the importance of unity among all believers and the cost of being a follower of Christ. We will see how we can find significance through service, what it means to surrender our lives to Christ, how to deal with trials in our lives and how a legacy is about serving others. We will talk about what it will take to have a revival in our community. This retreat is being organized by a multi-church Bible study in our community. If you are interested in attending, a sign-up sheet is located at the entryway.

**CWC Invitation:** The Board of Central Wisconsin Christian expresses its thanks for the abundant generosity during their 21-Day Giving Challenge for the Building Community Campaign. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm. This is a great time for us to celebrate and reflect on God's blessings over the past 70-plus years and look forward to the impact this project will have on every CWC student.

**Spring Concert:** The Christian Home will be holding a Spring Concert & Benefit on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Bethel Christian Reformed Church (410 S. West Street, Waupun). The concert will feature Jon Schmaltz, violinist Addie Jo Lambrecht accompanied by Andy Lambrecht, and the Siegmann Family. The Siegmann family have beautiful family harmonies and a love for bluegrass and acoustic gospel music. A freewill offering will benefit the Christian Home and its residents.

**Concert:** You are invited to the Alto Men's Chorus Concert on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Alto Reformed Church (N3697 Cty Road EE, Waupun).

**Waupun Public Library Events:** Contact the library at 324-7925 with any questions.

- Preschool Storytime: April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am. Come for stories, felt board fun and a craft!
- Movie: April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Popcorn and water provided. All ages welcome; children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Library Book Sale: April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.