

# First Reformed Church



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Classes Begin Today!**  
**Ages 3 years old thru Adult**  
**10:15 - 11:00 am**

See bulletin announcement for class locations.

## **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. (Matthew 28:18-20)

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September 22, 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

### This Week (September 22)

### Next Week (September 29)

#### **Ushers**

Kiarra Smits  
Bill Eichstadt  
Kevin Van Buren

Youth Group

#### **Door Greeters**

##### **Upstairs**

Elton & Betty Ter Beest

Larry & Mary Navis

##### **Downstairs East Door**

Bill & Carol Eichstadt

John Nyhuis

#### **Nursery**

Cheri Jansma  
Ryan De Vries

Lori Flier  
Sue Straks

#### **Elders Greeting**

Wayne Tavs  
Ray Freriks  
Keith Jansma

Jerry Riel  
Larry Navis  
Steve Perry

#### **Soundboard**

BJ DeMaa

John Nyhuis

#### **Power Point**

Nicole and Austin Lang

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## September Schedules

**Hospital:** BJ DeMaa

**Flowers:** Carol De Haan

**Library:** Henri Raith

## Opportunities This Week

### Sunday (September 22):

**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.

**Sunday School Begins Today!** 10:15 - 11:00 am

- ◆ 3 year olds - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade downstairs in the Worship Center Room
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade downstairs in the Triple Room
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade upstairs in the Youth Room
- ◆ Adults upstairs in the Consistory Room

**Elders Meet with Consistory Nominees:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Consistory Room.

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### Wednesday:

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

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

**Adult Choir Practice:** We will not meet this week. Choir practice will resume on October 2.

### Thursday:

**Bell Choir Practice:** We will not meet this week for practice.

### Saturday:

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

## Worship Service

September 22, 2019

9:00 am

Prelude: Kim Perry

Call to Worship: Sunday School Kickoff

\*Praise Song: Lord, I Need You (led by Brianna DeMaa, Arabella Renner and Randy Flier)

Presentation of Bibles

### 5th Grade

Brianna DeMaa

Carter Disbrow

Aaron Lang

Ella Lemmenes

Gage Van Buren

### 6th Grade

Chase Beahm

Devin Zimmerman

Ministry of Music: Tricia De Jager - What Do I Know of Holy?

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 (page 1914)

Message: The Seven Churches: Ephesus

\*Song #654: Change My Heart, O God

Prayer

Offering: Tricia De Jager - You are My Shepherd

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Song #90: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (verses 1 & 2)

\*Postlude: Kim Perry

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Church Contact Information

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## Congregational News

**Consistory Agenda Items:** The next consistory meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. If team leaders or consistory members would like an item discussed at the meeting, please contact the church office with that information by Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, so it can be placed on the agenda.

**XYZ Start Date:** XYZ is a Bible Study that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Triple Room. This year's session will begin on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be studying the Letter to the Philippians.

**Time of Fellowship:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to help serve for fellowship time. Currently September 29<sup>th</sup> is open and into October. Please consider serving on a Sunday that fits your schedule. All supplies are provided and with the addition of the refrigerator and larger sink there is no need to have to go downstairs. Many people enjoy this time of fellowship following the worship service.

**Open Staff Position:** We are looking for someone who might be interested in being a part-time janitor here at First. Contact the office at 324-2321 or office@firstreformedwaupun.com and let us know if you are interested. We would be glad to get you the details.

**Office Hours:** Lori will be in the office on Monday and then out the rest of the week for vacation.

**Free Plants:** There is a gardenia plant and a fern plant outside the church's main entrance by the chairs. If anyone would like to give one of these plants a home, please feel free to take and enjoy them.

**Compassion Child:** The Sunday School classes support Rahma Halidi Shabani as a Compassion Child. Forms to send a letter to Rahma are available at the information desk in the entryway if you would like to send her a note.

**AIM:** Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - noon. Anyone is welcome to join us as we make quilts for missions

**Food Pantry:** First Reformed donated 40 pounds of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: cereal, crackers, tuna, Spaghetti O's, and soup (any kind but tomato). Donated items can be placed in the box in the upstairs coat room.

**Attention Ladies!** Join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm for a great time of study and fellowship as we go thru a Lysa Terkeurst study called "It's Not Supposed to be this Way". What happens when life looks very different from the reality we long for? Have you found yourself asking "Why did God let this happen?" We hope you join us on this journey to find unexpected strength while wrestling between faith and feelings so we all learn how to stand through uncertainty and trust in God's goodness. Our first meeting will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> and we will be meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please sign-up in the entryway by September 30<sup>th</sup> so study guides can be ordered. Cost will be approximately \$7. Contact Katie DeMaa or Kristin Braaksma with any questions.

**Youth Group Snacks:** Each week I get lots of hungry kids that attend Youth Group and it's great to be able to provide them with some snacks. If you are able to donate pizzas, chips, cookies or soda, please drop it off in the Youth Room or contact me with any questions.  
Thanks, Kristin Braaksma

## Congregational Care

**Sympathy:** Congregational sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Grace Frens, who passed away on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank You:** Thank you for your heart-warming support with your cards, prayers, and phone calls as I went through my prostate cancer treatments. Your support was a great help. I have received a good report that the treatments are working. Thank you, Gary Beek.

## Volunteers Needed for AWANA

Children look forward to Awana all week! It's where they hear the gospel and learn the Bible in a fun setting, complete with games, theme nights and special events.

Awana is also an exciting place to volunteer! Whether you teach, run games, lead songs, play with puppets, keep records or have a great listening ear - Awana has a place for you! One thing for sure - you'll have fun!

Parents, grandparents, empty-nesters, singles...We need you and have a place for you to serve. Please consider joining our amazing Awana program on Wednesday evenings. Spend time sharing God's love with kids while having a great time.

For more information, contact Kari Loomans by email at [kari@firstreformedwaupun.com](mailto:kari@firstreformedwaupun.com) or sign-up at the information desk and she'll contact you.

## Invitations

**Wanted Women's Conference:** Ladies - take a weekend off and attend the Wanted: Radiance Women's Conference on September 27 - 29 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Together, we will discover how God made us radiant and you will leave feeling ignited to shine His light! Cost is \$125 which includes large group sessions, worship and concert with Mass Anthem, breakout sessions, testimony night, worship and meals. Email [wantedconference@gmail.com](mailto:wantedconference@gmail.com) with any questions or register at [www.wantedconference.com](http://www.wantedconference.com).

**Regional Women's Retreat:** A day of spiritual refreshment and story-sharing for RCA women will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at Christ Community Church (13400 Bell Road, Lemont, IL). The cost is \$20 and includes all meals and materials. For more information contact Jewel Willis Thomas at [jwillisthomas@yahoo.com](mailto:jwillisthomas@yahoo.com) or 630-257-7770. Register at [www.cconbell.com](http://www.cconbell.com) and click on the Events tab.

**Free Movie Night:** Bethel Reformed Church (305 W. Main Street, Brandon) will host a free movie night showing "Breakthrough" on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served following the movie.

**Chili Supper:** Brandon Bethel Reformed Church (305 W. Main Street, Brandon) will hold a Soup Supper and Cake Auction on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm with the Cake Auction at 6:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards the Bethel Youth Group.