

First Reformed Church



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 8, 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 (September 8)</u> | <u>Next Week (September 15)</u> |
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| Ushers | Jeff Freriks Jordan Hopp Clayton Jahns | Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier |
| Door Greeters | | |
| Upstairs | Wally Beekman | Howard Loomans |
| Downstairs East Door | Gary & Jan Beek | Ray Freriks |
| Nursery | Christina Graves Paige Van Buren | Cindy De Vries Ryan De Vries |
| Elders Greeting | Keith Jansma Jerry Riel Larry Navis | Steve Perry BJ DeMaa Ron Schaalma |
| Soundboard | Howard Loomans | BJ DeMaa |
| Power Point | Amanda and Ryan De Vries | Katie and Brianna DeMaa |

September Schedules

Hospital: BJ DeMaa
Flowers: Carol De Haan
Library: Henri Raith

Opportunities This Week

Sunday (September 9):

Caring & Sharing Team Meeting: 8:30 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.

Tuesday:

Elders Meeting: 6:30 pm to review Elder/Deacon nominations.

Wednesday:

Awana Planning Meeting: 6:30 pm in the Triple Room.

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: 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday:

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

Saturday:

Men's' Huddle: We will not meet this week.

Sunday (September 15):

Small Group Leaders Meeting: 10:15 am in the Consistory Room to talk about your plans for this upcoming year.

Activity Start Dates

- Sunday School Begins for ages 3 years thru adult - September 22; 10:15 - 11:00 am
- AIM (making quilts for missions) - September 16; 9:00 am - noon
- AWANA - October 2

Worship Service
September 8, 2019
9:00 am

Prelude: Mary Navis
Call to Worship

*Praise Songs (led by the Youth):

1. No Longer Slaves
2. Scars

(Children in Grades 1-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church downstairs with Roxanne Walker.)

Testimony: Kristin Braaksma

Special Music: Grandparents Day Song by Sarah Lemmenes & Family

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8 (page 1912)

Message: The Seven Churches: Intro

*Song #562: Be Thou My Vision

Prayer

Offering: Video - "Don't Laugh at Me" by Mark Wills

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #549: Higher Ground

Postlude: Mary Navis

*Please stand if you are able.

Church Contact Information

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WANTED...

AWANA LEADERS & HELPERS

Alive...Enthusiastic...Loves Kids...



No Experience Necessary

Priceless Rewards

For ages - 3 years old (potty trained)
to 5th grade

For more info, contact Kari Loomans

kari_frc@hotmail.com or the
church office - 324-2321

Awana Leaders Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11th.

Downstairs Triple Room

AWANA Begins - Wednesday, October 2nd

Cubbies 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sparks & T&T 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (check-in at 5:45 p.m.)

Volunteer Needs:

Cubbies (3-5 year olds): 2-3 volunteers

Sparks (K5-2nd grade): 2-3 volunteers

T&T (3rd-5th grade): 2-4 volunteers



Congregational Care

Thank You: Thank you to our church family for the love and compassion shown to us when we lost our mom. The cards, phone calls and hugs were so appreciated. We rejoice with our mom as she celebrates her new life in heaven. Gary & Diane Posthuma and Family.

Congregational News

Elder/Deacon Nominations: Inserted in the bulletin, is a nomination form for the 2019 elder/deacon slate. Please prayerfully read 1 Timothy 3:1-13, consider your selections and place your nominations in the ballot box in the entryway. Nominations are due by September 9th.

Volunteers Needed to Deliver Meals: Thank you to all those who have signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly of our community during the month of September. There are just a few more remaining open slots left. The total time needed is just one hour each day. As a volunteer, you would pick up the meals from the Waupun Hospital cafeteria at approximately 11:15 each day and deliver them to the assigned homes in Waupun. You can sign-up in the entryway for a week that best fits your schedule. Note, if volunteers are not available on a certain day, the community members will not receive their meals for that day. Thank you for considering this serving opportunity.

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.

AIM Begins September 16! Our first meeting of the season will be held on Monday, September 16th, from 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Anyone is welcome to join us as we make quilts for missions.

Fellowship Time: Many people enjoy a time of fellowship following the worship service. If you would be able to help with serving refreshments during that time, please sign-up in the entryway for a Sunday that fits your schedule. All drinks, cookies and supplies are provided.

Team Meetings Held Tuesday, September 17th:

- Worship Planning Team: 5:30 pm in the Consistory Room
- Missions Team: 6:00 pm in the Chapel
- All Other Teams: 6:30 pm in the Triple Room (Caring & Sharing Team will not meet)

Consistory Notes from the Meeting of September 3

1. The consistory has been working on who we are as a congregation by developing statements of our faith. We added two at this month's meeting. Here is what we have so far:
 - a. The Word of God is our final authority in all matters of faith and practice (John 1:1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4)
 - b. We believe marriage is only between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:21-24; Exodus 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:2; Proverbs 5:18; Proverbs 18:22; 1 Corinthians 7:2; Matthew 19:5-6)
 - c. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but out of God's grace he sent his Son to die for our sins. His name is Jesus and he is the only way to eternal life. (Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10-12; John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
 - d. Having been given faith in Jesus, and no longer dead in our sins, we are alive in Christ and called to follow His will and ways. (Romans 6:11, 6:17-18, 6:22; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 3:12; 1 Peter 3:8)
2. The Consistory also approved doing background checks. We have been asked by our insurance company to have a background check policy for people working with children and youth. We are still working on the implementation of this. There will be more info to come.
3. The Congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday November 17 after our morning service.

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 with any questions or register at www.wantedconference.com.

First Place for Health Orientation: First Place believes in the power of Christ to sustain us as we strive to give Him first place in our lives. We trust Christ as we walk hand-in-hand with Him on our road to wellness with an emphasis on weight loss. An orientation will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waupun on Tuesday, September 10th at 1:00 pm. The sessions are twelve weeks long and it is recommended that you/we give God a year. I've been in First Place since 1995 and daily praise God that He has provided what I needed to not regain a 60 pound loss. If you have questions, please ask Eleanor Van Gent or contact her at emvangent@gmail.com or 920-210-1136.

CWC Harvest Auction: Central Wisconsin Christian School will host The Roaring 20s Harvest Auction on Saturday, September 14th. The silent auction begins at 3:30 with dinner from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and live auction begins at 6:30 pm.

Regional Women's Retreat: A day of spiritual refreshment and story-sharing for RCA women will be held on October 5th 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 or 630-257-7770. Register at www.cconbell.com and click on the Events tab.