

First Reformed Church



Honoring all Veterans. We are forever grateful!

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)

First Reformed Church

November 10, 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 (November 10)</u>	<u>Next Week (November 17)</u>
Greeters	Gary & Jan Beek	Vince & Ellen Decker
Ushers	Jeff Freriks Jordan Hopp Clayton Jahns	Gary Beek Josh Damsteegt Randy Flier
Door Greeters		
Upstairs	Howard Loomans	Elton & Betty Ter Beest
Downstairs East Door	Ray Freriks	Bill & Carol Eichstadt
Nursery	Becky De Vries Paige Van Buren	Cindy De Vries Ryan De Vries
Elders Greeting	Steve Perry BJ DeMaa Ron Schaalma	Wayne Tavs Ray Freriks Keith Jansma
Soundboard	Howard Loomans	BJ DeMaa
Power Point	Amanda and Ryan De Vries	Katie and Brianna DeMaa

November Schedules

Hospital: Wayne Tavs

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Library: Donna Freriks

Opportunities This Week

Sunday (November 10):

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

Sunday School: 10:15 - 11:00 am

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

Ladies Bible Study: 6:00 pm in the Chapel. All women are invited to attend!

Wednesday:

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

Awana: This week's theme is CRAZY HAT or CRAZY HAIR NIGHT! Wear your craziest hat or fix the craziest hair! And, as always, friends are welcome!

- ◆ Cubbies meet 6:00 - 7:00 pm downstairs in the Preschool Rooms
- ◆ Grades K-5 meets 5:45 - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

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: 7:00 am at Helen's Kitchen.

Sunday (November 17):

Annual Congregational Meeting: In the sanctuary following the worship service.

Congregational Care

Thank You: Thanks for all the cards and prayers last month during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are blessed by your kindness. Pastor Barry, Nicole and Family.

Worship Service
November 10, 2019
9:00 am

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Call to Worship

*Song #140: Great Is the Lord

Ministry of Music: Choir - We Serve a Mighty God

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-9 (page 1338)

Message: The Watchman and the Warning by Eric Lammers

*Song #444: I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer

Offering

Announcement

*Benediction

*Song: Give Them All to Jesus

*Postlude: Jon Schmaltz

*Please stand if you are able.

**All songs will be led by the Praise Team

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Congregational News

Congregational Meeting: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17th, following the worship service. At the meeting, there will be elections for elders and deacons, as well as approval of the 2020 Budget.

Elder/Deacon Nominees: The nominees for elders and deacons to begin serving in 2020 are as follows: Elder nominees are Mike De Vries and George Scheuers. Deacon nominees are Adam Lemmenes and Wilbur Van Buren. Absentee ballots are available in the entryway. All absentee ballots must be signed and can be placed in the ballot box in the entryway.

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections, including the Waupun High School Choir. There will be a freewill offering to support the Access for Recess adaptive playground at Meadow View Primary School in Waupun.

Christmas Carol Sing Posters: Posters for the upcoming Christmas Carol Sing are available in the entryway. Please help promote this event by taking one or more to display at your place of work or at an area business.

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.

Children's Christmas Program: The children will receive their parts for this year's Christmas Program next Sunday, November 17th, during Sunday School. Parents, please make every effort for your children to attend as we begin working on the program. Thank you.

Christmas Decorating: Following the Thanksgiving Worship service on November 27th, 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.

Operation Christmas Child: First Reformed is participating in Operation Christmas Child. Please bring your packed shoebox or shoebox-sized container to the church office by Sunday, November 17th. A box label (which are located in the entryway) must accompany each box.

Missing Children's Activity Bag: One of the children's activity bags is missing. If you should know where it is, could you please return it to the rack at the back of the sanctuary or to the church office. Thank you.

AIM: Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 16th, from 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Come join us as we make quilts for missions.

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 by Sunday, December 8th.

Team Meetings Held Tuesday, November 19th:

- Worship Planning Team: 6:00 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)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm

- ◆ During the service, we will highlight what we are thankful to God for. If you have any videos or pictures that highlight what you are thankful for, you can drop them off with Pastor Barry or email them to pastorbarry@firstreformedwaupun.com by Sunday, November 24th.
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to participate during the Thanksgiving Service by using the text feature on your phone. So, please bring your phone. If you don't text, we will have an alternative way for you to participate that night.
- ◆ There will also be a food drive for the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed are: canned items (not green beans or pumpkin), pasta, pancake mix, syrup and rice side packets.

Consistory Updates from the November 5, 2019 Meeting

1. The consistory finished working on value statements for First Reformed Church. The list created describes who we are and what we are about as a church. The statements will be presented to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting.
2. The Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 17, will be in the sanctuary after the morning service. There will be a short 10 minute break in-between. There will be no adult Sunday School class. The children and youth Sunday School classes will meet as usual.
3. The consistory proposes that we reduce the Consistory to 7 elders and 7 deacons for 2020. This is a reduction of 2. In 2019, we have been operating with 8 elders and 8 deacons.
4. Our nominees for Consistory this year are: Elders - George Scheuers and Mike De Vries; Deacons - Adam Lemmenes and Wilbur Van Buren.

Be a Missionary Where You Live

In the bulletin today, you will see a brochure explaining the Community Table and the other opportunities offered through it. Many of these opportunities have recently been developed through our MOVE Team and with the help of other volunteers throughout 2019. The brochure not only gives you information, but also an opportunity for the community participants to share with you their gratefulness and testimonies. This has become the local mission field for the members of First Reformed with over 50 of you being actively involved in its success. Read it over and be proud of what you have done in 2019, but also please continue to support this mission in 2020! But above all, remember to give all praise of our accomplishments to God! Next week, Sunday, November 17th, we will share more information, experiences and testimonies. But most importantly, we will share how we can continue to bless this mission, while also sharing a few more opportunities.

Awana News!

Thank You!....

We would so very much like to thank **Gary Beek** for telling us about his life experiences and how he had trust and faith in God and how we should too. Also, a thank you goes to **Karin and John Nyhuis** for showing us how they have trained their dogs to obey them and how we need to listen to God and obey Him too. It was great hearing and learning from both of you, thanks for taking the time to come. We appreciate all that you do for Awana Club! Thanks so much!

Serving God as an AWANA leader is very rewarding.

In addition to regular leaders, we also have need of games assistants, helpers, large group leader and opening activity host during our Club Nights on Wednesdays. If you would like to serve for just part of the night we welcome you. We want our volunteers to be where they are gifted, most effective, and especially where God wants them.

Join our team of amazing leaders.

First Reformed AWANA is growing!

Be a part of this exciting ministry and lead kids to Christ!

Contact Kari Loomans to volunteer! We can do it together!

Large Group Leaders: Do you have a talent, hobby or an interesting job that you would like to share with kids? Large group time is a great time to share with kids and show them in a fun interactive way we can learn from the Bible and about God's love for us. Our large group time runs from 7:00-7:30 pm.

Grand Prix/Pine Car Derby: Planning to host a Grand Prix event mid-January or first part of February. Contact Kari Loomans if you would be interested in helping with this type of event.

If any of this opportunity sounds like something you are interested in or need to know more about please contact, Kari Loomans, Awana Ministry Director. By e-mail kari@firstreformedwaupun.com or by phone 920-324-2321. Thanks for you consideration!

Invitations

Concert: Want to see a truly spectacular concert full of inspirational video storytelling, beautiful voices and lively African songs? The African Children's Choir will be performing right here in Waupun on Sunday, November 10th, at 6:30 pm at First Christian Reformed Church (10 Bly St.). This is an event you won't want to miss!

Awareness Event: 5-Stones Dodge County, a nonprofit organization engaged in the fight against human trafficking, is hosting an awareness and prevention event on Tuesday, November 12th, at Harvest Church (W7444 Hwy 33, Beaver Dam). Hiding in Plain Sight: Emmy Myers, A Survivor's Story will be presented with refreshments and meet and greet at 5:30 with the program and Q&A at 6:00 pm.

Invitation: An invitation is extended to singles, couples and/or families who are alone or unable to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. Pella Lutheran Church of Waupun is hosting their 30th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28th, at noon. There is no charge but please RSVP to Lora Huizenga at 324-3321. Transportation in Waupun is also available.

Community Event: All teens, parents, and community members are invited to a community seminar at Waupun Jr./Sr. High School at 6:00 pm on November 14th. Headlining national speakers and musician, Nicholas Raymond, will lead a dynamic talk helping our community ignite a conversation around important topics such as bullying and suicide prevention thru a powerful approach that helps to save lives. Rise Together is a non-profit that is on a mission to prevent addiction by educating, engaging and empowering youth to use their voice for change, breaking the silence around addiction and mental health. This event is sponsored by organizations from the Waupun Public Schools and Central Wisconsin Christian School.

Concert: Trinity Reformed of Waupun will be attending the Seibel Family Christmas Concert as a group on Saturday, December 21st, at 1:00 pm at Fond du Lac High School Performing Arts Center. They will travel by bus leaving their church parking lot at noon. There is no cost for the tickets for tickets are limited. Reserve your spot by calling Trinity Church at 324-2400.

Cookie Walk: Union Congregational Church (125 Beaver Dam Street, Waupun) will hold their annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Cost is \$7 per pound (containers are provided). Proceeds will benefit REACH of Waupun, Church Health Services and the Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation (supports US first responders and service members and their families).