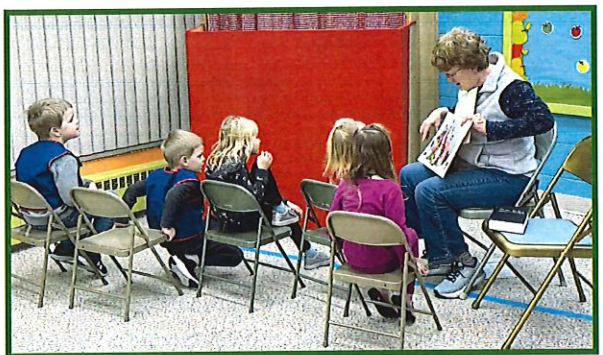
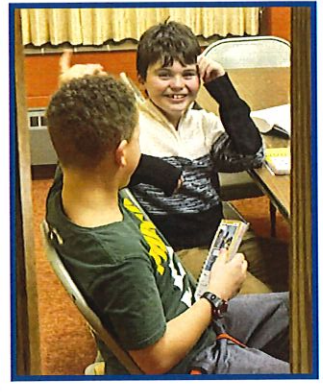
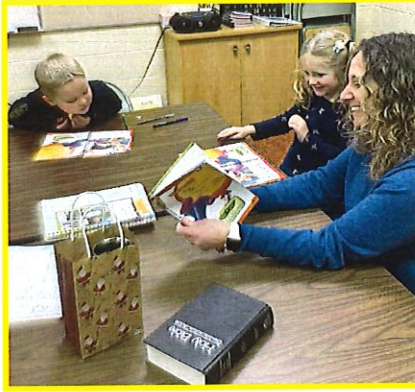
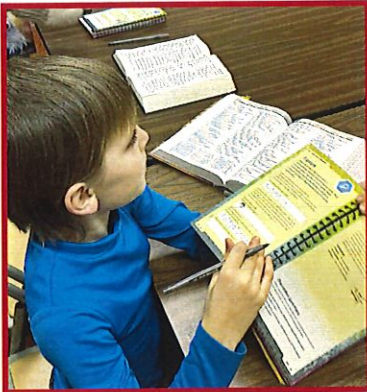


First Reformed Church

January 14, 2024



Last week in Awana, the Sparks & T&T Clubbers' lessons focused on the Fruits of the Spirit and serving others. The Cubbies' lesson was learning about The Good Shepherd and that He is always with us and protects us.

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9:00 am

Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (January 14)</u>	<u>Next Week (January 21)</u>
Soundboard	Howard Loomans	BJ DeMaa
Power Point	Ryan De Vries	Katie and Brianna DeMaa
Greeters	Greg & Kelley Van Buren	Lee & Mary Schoenfeld
Elders Greeting	Jerry Riel Steve Towne Jamison Davies	Bill Eichstadt Ron Schaalma Elton Ter Beest

January Schedules

Hospital: Ron Schaalma

Flowers: Jane Van Buren

Library: Roxanne Walker

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Sunday School: 10:30 - 11:15 am.

- ◆ **Children's Sunday School (ages 3 years old - 5th Grade):** Meets downstairs in the Young Children & Worship Room (lower level).
- ◆ **Middle School/High School (Grades 6-12):** Meets upstairs in the Youth Room.
- ◆ **Adult Sunday School:** Meets in the Council Room for a study on "The Chosen".

Wednesday:

XYZ: This adult Bible Study meets in the lower Triple Room from 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Awana: For ages 3 years old thru 5th Grade in Fellowship Hall. This week's theme is FUTURE NIGHT (dress as you would when you're a grown up)!

- ◆ Cubbies (ages 3 years - PreK) meet 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Grades K-5 meets 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Middle School Youth Group: Meets in the Youth Room from 5:30 - 7:00 pm for Grades 6-8.

High School Youth Group: Meets in the Youth Room from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for Grades 9-12.

Choir Practice: 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday:

Bell Choir Practice: 6:30 - 7:45 pm in the sanctuary.

Congregational News

Special Offering: There will be a special offering on Sunday, January 21st, for the Turnes family to help with costs and extra burdens associated with John's sudden passing.

Walkers: If you enjoy walking or if you're recovering from surgery and need to do some walking but don't enjoy walking outside during the winter months, you are welcome to walk here in the warmth of the church. You can walk in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or any of the hallways to get in some exercise. Typically the church is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 2:00.

Helping Hands Sunday School: God has given each of us gifts and talents to serve others. Our preschool and elementary children are going to learn the importance of serving others through small projects that will impact the church community and our local community. The dates of these classes are: January 21st, February 11th, March 24th, April 28th, and May 12th. It is going to be a fun time, so save these dates.

Library Committee Meeting: We will have our next meeting on Sunday, February 4th, during the Sunday School time. We will meet in the front of the sanctuary to discuss weeding out the last couple sections of books, Betty Kloostra memorial gift ideas, and other library tasks.

Fellowship Time: Have you been blessed with the gift of hospitality? If so, you may enjoy helping to serve refreshments during the fellowship time following a worship service. There is no need for you to provide any treats because all the coffee, drinks and snacks are provided. If you do enjoy baking you are welcome to bring in some treats but this is not at all necessary. If you would like to serve, you can sign-up in the entrance for a Sunday that fits your schedule. Please contact Elayne Van Buren with any questions.

Community Table Volunteers: Please be checking your mailbox over the next few weeks for possible food donations needed for the community Table. Our church is responsible for providing the Community Table meal several weeks in January. Thank you.

Food Pantry: First Reformed donated 60 pounds of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: canned spaghetti & ravioli, pasta & rice sides, crackers, hot chocolate, granola bars, and toilet paper. Donated items can be placed in the bin in the upstairs coat room.

Contributions Verification: If you need verification of your contributions for 2023 taxes, contact the church office at 920-324-2321 with your **name and envelope number** by January 31, 2023.

Socks of Love: Throughout the month of January, the Awana Club and Youth Groups are holding a Winter Mission Project. They are collecting warm socks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for adults and children that will be donated to the Fond du Lac Homeless Shelter. If you would like to participate by donating some socks, you can drop them off at the office. Thank you!

Soundboard Need: The soundboard needs for worship services is currently being fulfilled by the 3 people on the Soundboard Team, which means there is an urgent need for additional members to join the team. If you are interested or have questions, contact Howard Loomans.

Congregational Care

Sympathy:

- ◆ Eleanor Van Gent passed away on January 7th. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends, including her daughter Elissa & Nevin Webster and their family.
- ◆ Sympathy is extended to the Josh & Crystal Thurk family. Their niece, Hannah Vannetta, passed away on December 27th.

Winter Weather Cancellations

Winter Weather: If church activities need to be canceled due to weather, the announcement will be made in the following ways: First Reformed's website and Facebook page, an email will be sent to the congregation, Radio Stations WFDL (AM 1170) and WBEV FM95.3), TV Stations WTMJ 4 and Fox 6, and a voicemail message on the church office phone. If Waupun Schools are closed for all or part of the day, or if after-school activities are canceled, on a Wednesday, all Wednesday church activities will be canceled.

Invitations

Seminar: Alto Reformed Church (N3697 County Road EE, Waupun) will be hosting a "Go & Tell" Evangelism Seminar on Sunday, January 14th, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Go and Tell is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men. This three-hour interactive seminar will provide you with the tools to be active in sharing your faith that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Awaken Kids: Our next Parents Night Out will be held on Friday, January 26th, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at 1 Main Street, Waupun for ages 4K - 5th Grade. Children may be picked up earlier if you wish. Cost is free and you can register on Facebook at Awaken Kids Inc Waupun.

Over-Nighter: There will be a Waupun Area Youth Group Middle School Over-Nighter at The Union in Waupun for Grades 6-8. It will begin at 8:00 pm on February 9th and finish at 8:00 am on February 10th. Students have the option to be picked up at midnight. Cost is \$5 per person. Snacks and games will be provided throughout the night. There is a registration link on the Youth Group Facebook page.

Men's Conference: Register for the ONE Waupun Men's Conference today! Our theme this year is "Living in the Deep End of the Pool of Grace" and will feature messages from John Lynch, speaker and author from Phoenix, AZ, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University from Sioux Center, IA. Mitchell Olthoff from Edgewood Community Church will lead us in praise and worship. Between praise and worship, fellowship and small group discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 2nd, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Register early at www.onewaupun.com and receive a free book authored by John Lynch.

Movie Night: Bethel Church of Brandon will be showing the movie "Sound of Freedom" on January 28th at 5:30 pm. The movie is based on the true story of a federal agent who embarks on a dangerous mission to save children from traffickers. The event is free. A time of fellowship/discussion will follow the movie.

Worship Service

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9:00 AM

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Call to Worship

*Song #589: Here I Am Lord

Choir: This Little Light of Mine

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-14 (page 423)

Message: Listening to the Lord

*Song #563: Open My Eyes that I May See

Prayer

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #633: Open Our Eyes Lord

*Postlude: Jon Schmaltz

*Please stand as you are able

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