

# First Reformed Church

August 18, 2024



As a new school year draws near, we will join together in prayer during this morning's worship service, for our students and teachers.

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9:00 am

### **Worship Service Participants**

	<b><u>This Week (August 18)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week (August 25)</u></b>
<b>Soundboard</b>	BJ DeMaa	Kurt De Vries
<b>Power Point</b>	Katie and Brianna DeMaa	Nicole and Austin Lang
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Mary Navis	Sandy De Boer
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### **Opportunities This Week**

#### **Tuesday:**

**Worship Planning Team Meeting:** 6:00 pm in the Council Room.

#### **Wednesday:**

**Bell Choir Try It Session:** If you've ever wondered about possibly joining the Bell Choir, come for this "Try It" session to see if it's something you may enjoy. We will meet at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

**Jr. Youth Group:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 6-7.

**Sr. Youth Group:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Youth Room for Grades 9-12.

### **August Schedules**

**Hospital:** Elton Ter Beest

**Flowers:** Jean Tenpas

**Library:** Luanne Hull

## Congregational Care

**Congratulations!** Wyatt Guell and Libbi Campbell were united in marriage on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you God's blessings.

## Congregational News

**Elder/Deacon Nominations:** Inserted in the bulletin is a nomination form for the 2025 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bell Choir Try-It & Sign-Up:** Would you like to join the Bell Choir or just get a taste of ringing handbells before deciding? If so, please sign-up in the entry. A one-hour "Try-It" session on August 21<sup>st</sup> will give you an introduction to making music with bells, with no obligation to join. No experience required! We invite anyone 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or older to consider using bells to praise the Lord and bless others. Questions: call Claudia Towne.

**Fall Kickoff Potluck:** All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, for our Fishy Fall Fellowship and Fun Potluck! Please sign-up in the entryway if you are planning to attend and include any guests who may join you. Signing-up is appreciated to help with the planning, but not required in order to attend. You can also sign-up if you'd like to bring a salad, cookies or bars; table service and drinks will be provided. You won't want to miss out on this wonderful time of good food and fun fellowship!

**Elder Meeting:** Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, to review Elder/Deacon nominations.

**Executive Team Meeting:** Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm to prepare the 2025 Budget.

**Upper Room:** The regular –sized print of the September/October edition of the Upper Room is available in the entryway. The large print September/October edition has not arrived yet.

**Focus:** Articles for the August-September Focus newsletter are due to the office by Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Fellowship Note:** For the summer months, Fellowship Time following the worship service will be held every other Sunday. If you are interested in helping to serve refreshments, you can sign-up in the entryway for a Sunday that best fits your schedule. All the coffee, drinks and snacks are provided. Please contact Elayne Van Buren with any questions.

## Children's Ministries

**Awana Start-Up Meeting:** A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in helping with Awana this coming school year. Come to learn more about Awana and what roles you can play in this fun program that teaches children

**Awana Kickoff!** Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year of Awana for ages 3 years thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade! Register on Facebook at First Reformed Waupun Children's Ministry. Clubbers and their families are invited to the "It's All Fun and Games Kick-Off Night" which will be held on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Helpers Needed:** Do you want to work with children, but not lead the lesson? Be a Sunday School volunteer! Your responsibility involves supporting the children when working on individual tasks, staying focused on the story, and sharing the love of the Lord. Can't commit to every week, that is okay! We can work out a schedule that works for everyone! If you are interested in helping or have questions, please let Roxanne know. Thank you!

**Christmas Program:** We are already thinking about the Christmas program! This year's program will need the help of 9 youth/adults. Helpers don't need to memorize their parts because you will be off stage. This would be a wonderful opportunity to support the children of the church! All ages are welcome to be a reader. If you have questions or would like to read, please let Roxanne know. Thank you!

### **Important Children's Ministry Dated:**

- ◆ Sunday School Kick-Off - September 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Sunday School Starts - September 15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ AWANA Kick-Off - September 25<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Samaritan's Purse Mission Project starts October 16<sup>th</sup>

## Invitations

**Central Wisconsin Christian School Events:** 301 Fox Lake Road, Waupun; 920-324-4233

- ◆ The 77<sup>th</sup> year of faith-learning at CWC will begin with Convocation at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Kurt Ritsema from Bethel CRC will be the speaker.
- ◆ Harvest Auction: Plans are being finalized for this year's Hawaiian Luau CSC Harvest Auction 2024. The online silent auction will open up on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the live event set for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP, order your meal or make your donations at [cwcauction.com](http://cwcauction.com). Tickets are required this year.

### **Caregiver Conference and Workshop:**

- ◆ Savvy Caregiver Class: This is a family/friend caregiver training program for those caring for someone with dementia. It's a FREE 6-week class on Tuesdays, September 10 - October 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Fond du Lac ADRC (50 N. Portland Street, Fond du Lac). Register online at [alysa.sommerfeldt@fdlco.wi.gov](mailto:alysa.sommerfeldt@fdlco.wi.gov) or call 920-929-3419.
- ◆ Care Giving Conference: Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at Community Church (N6717 Streblow Drive, Fond du Lac). This will focus on learning coping and surviving as an Alzheimer's caregiver. Cost is \$5. Brochures are available at the information desk.

## Worship Service

August 18, 2024

9:00 am

Prelude: Kim Perry

Call to Worship

\*Song #581: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Children's Message: Backpack of Worries

Back to School Blessings

Pastor Barry: Awesome God, we come here today to thank you for giving these children and adults a chance to take a break from school and relax and refresh in You for the coming school year.

**Congregation: We ask you, oh Lord, to bless the teachers and children here today and be with them throughout the school year.**

Pastor Barry: Lord, we ask You to remind each person here that You are with them wherever they go.

**Congregation: We also ask you to bless anyone that comes in contact with these children and pray these people show Your love and faithfulness to them.**

Pastor Barry: Loving Lord, may the children know the love this congregation has for them. Help this congregation embrace Your call to teach and surround them with love and care as well.

**All: Thank you Lord for always watching over us, Your children, and sending Your Son to save us! In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 7:15-20 (page 1506)

Message: Four Warnings from Jesus - The Phony Prophets (Part 2 of a 4-Part Series)

\*Song #492: At Calvary

Prayer

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Song #502: In My Heart There Rings a Melody

\*Postlude: Kim Perry

\*Please stand as you are able