

First Reformed Church

November 24, 2024



Thank you to everyone who donated or helped with the
Operation Christmas Child project.

The Awana children packed 44 boxes to bless children
around the world!

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9:00 am

Worship Service & Sunday School Volunteers

	<u>This Week (November 24)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 1)</u>
Soundboard	Kurt De Vries	Aaron Lang
Power Point	Nicole and Austin Lang	Kelley Van Buren
Greeters	Julene Kikkert	Bill & Carol Eichstadt
Elders Greeting	Jamison Davies Bill Eichstadt Ron Schaalma	Elton Ter Beest Ray Freriks Jerry Riel
Sunday School Helper	Ron & Diane Schaalma	Roxanne Walker

November Schedules

Hospital: Steve Towne

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Library: Roxanne Walker

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Sunday School: 10:30 - 11:00 am.

- ◆ Children's Sunday School (ages 3 years old - 5th Grade): Meets downstairs in the Triple Room.
- ◆ Middle School/High School (Grades 6-12): Meets upstairs in the Youth Room.
- ◆ Adults: Meets in the Council Room.

Wednesday: Regular weekly activities will not meet this week.

Thanksgiving Worship Service: 6:00 pm.

Decorating for Christmas: Following the Thanksgiving worship service, everyone is invited to stay and join in the fun of decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Thursday:

Bell Choir Rehearsal: We will not meet this week.

Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Awana Candy Cane Family Night - December 4 at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Awana Shoes for Belize Kick-Off - December 4
- ◆ Christmas Carol Sing - December 8 at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Christmas Program "A Night Like No Other" - December 15 at 9:00 am
- ◆ Christmas Eve Worship Service - December 24 at 6:00 pm

Congregational Care

Birthday Open House: The congregation is welcome to attend the 80th Birthday Party Open House in Fellowship Hall at First Reformed for George Scheuers. It will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Thank You: Thanks so much for your phone calls, cards and prayers after my surgery on November 7th. It's comforting to feel the love of the church family. God is good! "He continues to hold me in His righteous right hand! (Isaiah 40:10). Ron & Diane Schaalma.

Congregational News

Thanksgiving Worship: The Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on November 27 at 6:00 pm (note the time change). The offering has been designated to the Craig & Heather Yunto family. On Friday, September 27, Craig was hit while driving his motorcycle on Highway 151 near Fond du Lac and received injuries requiring him to be med-flighted to Theda Care in Neenah. He finally came home on October 18 and has a long road of recovery ahead.

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 pm. There will be many performances by soloists and ensembles along with singing favorite Christmas Carols. A free will offering will be received for the Waupun Holiday Help Program.

Christmas Carol Sing Posters: Posters for the 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.

Christmas Program: If you are a part of the Christmas program, we will be practicing on Sunday, December 1 & 8 during the Sunday School hour. Please let Roxanne know if you are not able to attend these practices. Thank you for helping with the program this year!

Checked Out Library Books: As the Library Committee has been checking in books, we have received books from CWC's library and Alto Christian Reformed Church. If you mistakenly left them here in our library, they are waiting for you to pick up on the checkout counter in the library.

Library Downsizing: Our church library is downsizing. We have several books in the middle shelving unit that we plan to move out of the library. Please take a look at the books along the window side of the middle shelving unit. Those are books we are giving away. If any of these books interest you, please take them! With the colder weather coming, grab a book and cuddle up under a book! Thank you!

Newsletter: Check your mailbox for the latest edition of the Midwest Network Newsletter.

Routers: The church recently updated our computer routers. If you are interested in one of the old routers, please contact the church office.

Invitations

Concert: The Tribute Quartet will present a concert on Sunday, November 24th, at 6:00 pm at Bethel Church (305 W. Main Street, Brandon). There will be a free will offering.

Lessons & Carols: All are invited to a special service of "Lessons and Carols" at the Waupun Community Center on Sunday, December 1, at 5:00 pm. We will hear the Christmas story and sing the songs of Christmas as we anticipate and prepare for the coming of Jesus the Christ into our world again this year. Refreshments will follow.

Calling All Fisherman: ONE Waupun invites all men to join them at the "Angling for Answers" conference at Community Church in Oshkosh (2341 Ryf Road, Oshkosh) on December 6 from 4:30 - 9:00 pm. The event includes a fish fry and a message from Al Lindner. The cost is \$10. Register at community-church.churchcenter.com/registrations/events or contact Pastor Barry.

Open House: All are invited to the Waupun Area Food Pantry dedication and open house with light refreshments on December 10 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The dedication will begin at 6:00 pm. Please join us in celebrating at our new location at 520 McKinley Street, Suite B, in Waupun.

Bake Sale: Emanuel Lutheran Church (107 S. Prairie St., Brandon) will host a Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Cookie Walk: Immanuel United Methodist Church (401 W. Fond du Lac St., Ripon) will host a Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 am - noon.

Concert Event: A Christmas Concert Cantata "When Christmas Comes" will be held on Sunday, December 15 with two performances - 2:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church (430 W. Griswold St., Ripon) and 7:00 pm at Immanuel UMC (401 W. Fond du Lac St., Ripon).

Christmas Events: On Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 pm Bethel Church (305 W. Main St., Brandon) will present their Children's Christmas Program "The Wish" and a Choir Cantata "This is Christmas". A time of fellowship will follow the program.

Save the Date: The ONE Waupun Annual Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at the Green Lake Conference Center. To learn more or to register contact Pastor Barry or go to <https://conference.onewaupun.com>.

Library Invitations: All events are held at the Waupun Library, 123 S. Forest Street, Waupun.

- ◆ December 4 at 1:00 & 6:00 pm: Wood Flower Arranging with Lisa of Mackford Home & Gifts. Sign-up is required along with \$5 fee.
- ◆ December 9 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm: Friends of Waupun Library monthly book sale.
- ◆ December 11 at 11:00 am & 6:00 pm: Book Club. If you are interested in joining Book Club, email Lisa at lbille@monarchlibraries.org or call her at 920-324-7925.
- ◆ December 12 at 6:00 pm: Craft Night! Crafters will begin a diamond art project.
- ◆ December 16 - 1:00 - 5:00 pm: Community Blood Drive
- ◆ January 4 (and the first Saturday of each month if interest allows) at 10:00 am: Nutrition for Life classes; free but registration is required. Forms available at the library.

Worship Service

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Prelude: Mary Navis

Call to Worship

*Song #63: All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1, 2 & 5)

Ministry of Music: Choir - Give Thanks/Lord, We Come

Scripture: 3 John (page 1907)

Message: John's Letters: A Dear Friend

*Song #571: Trust and Obey

Prayer

Mission Update: Roxanne - Testimony about Awaken Kids

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #368: He Lives

*Postlude: Mary Navis

*Please stand as you are able

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