

First Reformed Church

December 22, 2024

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Merry *Christmas*

May the presence of Christ fill you with Joy & Peace

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9:00 am

Worship Service & Sunday School Volunteers

	<u>This Week (December 22)</u>	<u>Next Week (December 29)</u>
Soundboard	Kurt De Vries	Kurt De Vries
Power Point	Nicole and Austin Lang	Katie DeMaa
Greeters	Sandy De Boer	Lary & Mary Navis
Elders Greeting	Jerry Riel Steve Towne Jamison Davies	Bill Eichstadt Ron Schaalma Elton Ter Beest

December Schedules

Hospital: Ron Schaalma

Flowers: Jane Van Buren

Library: Roxanne Walker

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Sunday School: Sunday School will not meet today. Classes will resume on January 5.

Tuesday:

Christmas Eve Worship Service: 6:00 pm. Invite a friend or family member to join you for this special worship service to celebrate Christmas.

Bell Choir Rehearsal: We will not meet this week and will resume on January 7.

Wednesday:

XYZ: We will not meet this week. Our Bible Study will resume on January 15.

Awana: We will not meet this week and will resume on January 8.

Youth Group: We will not meet this week and will resume on January 8

Choir Practice: We will next meet on March 5.

Congregational News

Christmas Eve Worship: The Christmas Eve worship service will be held on December 24 at 6:00 pm. The Christmas Offering has been designated to the Waupun Food Pantry. Invite your family and friends to join you for this special worship service.

Christmas Bible Verses: There is a Christmas tree in the entrance decorated with ornaments with Bible verses of the "ABC's of Christmas". Please take one or more of these ornaments to place on your tree (or a friend's tree) as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Next Sunday: Pastor Barry will be on vacation between Christmas and New Year's. Next Sunday, Joey Reichhoff will be leading our worship service.

DVD's/CD's Available: There are DVD's and CD's available at the information desk and in the outside Bulletin Box of the Christmas Carol Sing program for anyone who would enjoy one.

Christmas Cards: At the back of the sanctuary is a Christmas Card box to exchange Christmas cards with other church members. Simply place your cards in the appropriate letters of the last names of those you are giving cards to.

Job Opening: There is a job opening here at First for a part-time inside custodian. If you are interested in applying for the position, there are job applications with a job description available in the office.

Prayer Chain Sign-Up: If you wish to be on the 2025 prayer chain list, please sign-up at the information desk by December 22. When you sign-up, indicate if you would like to be contacted by phone or by email.

Greeter Sign-Up: Would you be interested in serving as a greeter? On your scheduled Sunday, you would simply greet people attending Sunday worship as they enter the sanctuary. A new greeting schedule for the upcoming winter/spring months will be coming out soon. If you would like to add your name to the list please sign-up in the entrance by December 22.

Scrappy Church Book: The Council will be reading and discussing the book "Scrappy Church". If you would like to join them for this book discussion, please sign-up at the information desk. Indicate when you sign up if you need a copy of the book and one will be provided for you. The discussion on Chapter 1 will be held on Tuesday, January 7, at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.

Contributions: December 29 is the final Sunday of 2024 and will be your last opportunity to make tax deductible gifts for this year.

Offering Envelopes: Your 2025 offering envelopes were placed in your mailboxes. Because your individual number changes from year to year, **it is very important that you do not** use your new (2025) envelopes in 2024. If anyone was missed and you would like to receive offering envelopes, please contact Lori Flier or the church office at 920-324-2321.

Focus: Items for the January/February Focus newsletter are due to the church office by Sunday, December 22.

Congregational Care

Sympathy: Bob DeMotts passed away on Monday, December 16. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Betsy, and to his sister, Mary & Larry Navis. If you would like to send Betsy a card her address is: 603 Brandon Street, Waupun.

Congratulations! Kaylin DeMaa received a Degree with High Honors in Cosmetology from Moraine Park on Friday, December 13. She will begin her new position at Key West Salon & Spa in Beaver Dam on December 30. Congratulations Kaylin on your well-earned accomplishments!

Thank You: Thank you for the love and kindness shown to me with the passing of my brother, Bob. Your reaching out through words of sympathy, prayers, cards, and hugs were very appreciated during this difficult time. Thank you, Karen Beek.

Thank You: We would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy in the passing of our dad. Thank you to Pastor Barry and the ladies for the wonderful message and the food. From the Family of Bernard Bille.

Thank You: I would like to thank the Caring & Sharing Team for the gift card. It is very much appreciated. Julene Kikkert.

Thank You: I would like to thank the Caring & Sharing Team for the gift card and also to the congregation for your thoughts and prayers. Thelma Dull.

Thank You: Thank you to the Caring & Sharing Team for the lovely poinsettia plant. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Marlene Rens.

Thank You: I would like to thank the church for the gift card I received. It is truly appreciated. Marlene Landaal.

Thank You: A heartfelt thank you to the saints of First Reformed through the Caring & Sharing group who blessed me with a Pig Gift Card at this Christmastime. May the LORD bless you as you have blessed me. Luke 6:38 "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you HIS peace." Shalom Shalom, Sandra Graham.

Invitations

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>.

Worship Service

December 22, 2024

9:00 am

Prelude: Mary Navis

Call to Worship: Jesus has come. (Congregational Response: He is coming again.)

*Song #259: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verses 1, 2 & 5)

Video: Advent Candle - Week 4

Law and Confession

Video: Shepherds Sermon Intro

Scripture: Luke 2:8 - 20 (page 1591)

Message: The Shepherds' Joy

*Song #272: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Prayer

Announcements

*Benediction

*Song #281: What Child is This?

*Postlude: Mary Navis

*Please stand as you are able

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