

# First Reformed Church

August 31, 2025



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9:00 am

### **Worship Service & Sunday School Volunteers**

	<b><u>This Week (August 31)</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week (September 7)</u></b>
<b>Soundboard</b>	Aaron Lang	Aaron Lang
<b>Power Point</b>	Nicole and Austin Lang	Kelley Van Buren
<b>Greeters</b>	Schlom and Sue Straks	Jean Tenpas
<b>Elders Greeting</b>	Elton Ter Beest Mike De Vries Jon Schmaltz	Ray Freriks Jerry Riel Steve Towne

### **September Schedules**

**Hospital:** Jerry Riel

**Flowers:** Carol DeHaan

**Library:** Henri Raith

### Opportunities This Week

**Tuesday:**

**Elders Meeting:** 6:30 pm to review the nominees for the Council election.

**Thursday:**

**Young Adults Bible Study:** 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All young adults are invited to join in this time of Bible Study and Fellowship.

**Saturday:**

**Men's Huddle:** 7:00 am at the Main Street Bistro in Waupun. All men are invited to join us for this Men's Bible Study.

**Sunday (September 8):**

**Fall Kickoff Fish Fry & Potluck:** Sign-up today on the south wall of the upstairs coat room (next to the mirror). See bulletin announcement for details.

### Ministry Start-Up Dates

- ◆ Sunday School Classes begin September 14 at 10:30.
- ◆ XYZ begins September 17. This Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Council Room.
- ◆ Youth Group: Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups will meet jointly on September 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Starting September 24, Jr. High will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm and Sr. High will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
- ◆ Awana Kickoff Family Night is September 24 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Choir: Practice is on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning October 1.

## Congregational News

**Elder/Deacon Nominations:** Inserted in the bulletin is a nomination form for the 2026 Elder/Deacon slate. Please prayerfully read 1 Timothy 3:1-13, consider your selections and place your nominations in the ballot box on top of the mailboxes in the upstairs coat room. Nominations are due by Monday, September 1.

**1st Sunday of Each Month:** To help us become more welcome ready, one of the scrappy church ideas we want to incorporate is planning Sundays that will be outreach/community focused. The Worship Planning Team will be having name tags available the 1st Sunday of each month and we would like to welcome everyone to wear a name tag - no matter if you are new or have come here for years. This is a great way to help others feel welcome!

### **Sweet Hour of Prayer:**

1 Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

As we celebrate annually 'Labor Day', do we consider prayer as a form of work? And is this work joyful or tedious - or both? Regardless, we are called to be people of prayer. We offer each of you an opportunity to join with us for the purpose of prayer on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 am. We meet in the chapel/coffee area and we'd love to see more of you join us on Monday, September 8. Keep on praying

**Scrappy Church Meeting:** Our next Scrappy Church discussion will be on Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the back of the sanctuary in the coffee room. All teams and team leaders are invited to come and share what they have been up to when it comes to Scrappy Church. We will also discuss our team structure, communication, and together address what we are missing in this process.

**The Vine:** An evening of young adult worship will gather on Saturday, September 13, at 5:00 pm here at First Reformed (located at the east end of Fellowship Hall).

**Church Phone:** The church's phone system is having some issues. Those calling in are not able to leave a message for Lori or Sherry. We are working with the phone manufacturer to repair this issue.

**Newsletters Available:** Copies of the September/October Focus newsletter and the August edition of the Midwest Network Newsletter are available at the white kiosk in the upstairs coat room.

**Food Pantry:** First Reformed donated 27 pounds of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: cereal, Hamburger Helper, pasta/rice side mixes, and soup. Donated items can be placed in the bin in the upstairs coat room.

**Men's Huddle:** The next Men's Huddle Bible Study will be on the following Saturdays: September 6 and September 13. We meet at 7:00 am at the Main Street Bistro in Waupun. All men are invited and welcome to join us.

**AWANA Registration:** Registration is now open! Check our Children's Ministry Facebook page for the link to register. Our first meeting is September 24. Families are welcome to attend on this night for a fun Fall Kick-off Night!

## **Annual Fall Kickoff Potluck**

- ◆ Next Sunday, September 7. Sunday School kickoff activities begin at 10:00 am.
- ◆ Fish Fry potluck will be served at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Sign-up today if you are planning to attend and include any guests who may join you. This is located in the upstairs coat room on the south wall (next to the mirror).
- ◆ 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!

## **Congregational Care**

**Congratulations!** Patrick & Sarah Stobb were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Brinley Joyce, on August 22.

**Anniversary Open House:** The congregation is invited to come for an open house to celebrate the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Curt & Judy De Vries on Saturday, September 6. The time is from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the church chapel. No gifts needed.

## **Invitations**

**Care Giving Conference:** Fond du Lac County will host a Care Giving Conference on Thursday, September 18, from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Cost is \$5 for family caregivers and \$15 for professional caregivers. It will be held at the Community Church (N6717 Streblov Drive, Fond du Lac). The keynote presentation will be by Sharon Lukert entitled "Until My Memory Fails Me". There will also be additional worships and exhibitors throughout the day. Register by calling 920-929-3419 or email [alyssa.sommerfeldt@fdlco.wi.gov](mailto:alyssa.sommerfeldt@fdlco.wi.gov). Information brochures are also located at the south end of the mailboxes in the upstairs coat room.

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

- ◆ September 8 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Friends of Waupun Library monthly book sale.
- ◆ September 9 at 6:00 pm: Craft Night! Crafters will make a Book Pumpkin.
- ◆ September 10 at 11:00 am & 6:00 pm: Book Club. If you are interested in joining Book Club, email Lisa at [lbille@monarchlibraries.org](mailto:lbille@monarchlibraries.org) or call her at 920324-7925.
- ◆ September 15 at 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm: Christina from Kartechner & Girls Flower Company will lead classes in creating flower arrangements. Space is limited. Register in person. Spot secured with \$10 payment at the library.

**Worship Service**

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Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Songs:

1. Great Are You Lord
2. #11 - Come Thou Fount
3. You've Already Won

Prayer

Ministry of Music: That's Just Your Way by Cara Schmitt

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-25 (page 1878)

Message: Living Faith with Grace

Prayer

\*Song #815: Doxology

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

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