

First Reformed Church

November 2, 2025



This past week, Phyllis Pluim celebrated her 100th Birthday!
Happy Birthday Phyllis!

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9:00 am

Worship Service & Sunday School Volunteers

This Week (November 2)

Next Week (November 9)

Soundboard

Aaron Lang

Howard Loomans

Power Point

Kelley Van Buren

Ryan De Vries

Greeters

Kevin Van Buren

Greg & Kelley Van Buren

Elders Greeting

Ron Schaalma
Elton Ter Beest
Jon Schmaltz

Mike De Vries
Ray Freriks
Jerry Riel

November Schedules

Hospital: Elton Ter Beest

Flowers: Ellen Decker

Library: Roxanne Walker

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Sunday School:

- ◆ 10:15 - 11:00 am - Preschool & Elementary children meet in the Thomas Room downstairs.
- ◆ 10:30 - 11:00 am - Middle School, High School and Adults meet in Fellowship Hall. We will begin a new study on Creation.

Monday:

AIM: 9:00 am - noon in the lower Triple Room.

Bells Rehearsal: 7:00 pm in the Worship Center (sanctuary).

Wednesday:

XYZ: Adult Bible Study that meets from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Council Room.

Awana Veterans Appreciation: 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. CLUBBERS - please arrive at 6:00 pm

Youth Group: 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for all middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, so feel free to come early to hang out or work on homework.

Choir Practice: We will not meet this week.

Thursday:

The Vine 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 Bible Study and Fellowship.

Congregational News

Name Tag Sunday: This Sunday is Name Tag Sunday. To be more 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 one, no matter if you are new or have come here for years. This is a great way to help others feel welcome!

Veterans Appreciation: AWANA will be hosting our 3rd annual Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 5, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. All veterans and their families are invited to attend. There will be cake and ice cream served after a simple program honoring the veterans. If you have any questions, please let Roxanne know.

Congregational Meeting: The 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 10:15 am in the Worship Center (sanctuary). At the meeting, there will be elections for elders and deacons and approval of the 2026 Budget. The proposed 2026 Budget is available in the upstairs coat room on top of the mailboxes.

Elder/Deacon Nominees: The nominees for Elders and Deacons for 2026 are as follows: Elder Nominee: John De Vries; Deacon Nominee: Noah Braaksma. Absentee ballots are available on top of the mailboxes in the upstairs coat room. Absentee ballots must be signed and can be placed in the ballot box.

Job Opening: Sherry Winter will be retiring at the end of December. This leaves a job opening here at First Reformed for a part-time administrative assistant. If you are interested in applying for the position, there are job applications with a job description available in the office. If you have any questions about the position, you can reach out to someone on the Personnel Team or to Sherry.

Sweet Hour of Prayer:

Psalm 107:1 addresses us: *"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever."*

Each year in late November we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. In our culture, we can get caught up in many traditions that may distract us from giving thanks. And who is worthy of our thanks? Almighty God! So as we move toward Thanksgiving, let us truly bring our sincere thanks to God - for His love endures forever! We invite you to be engaged in prayer with your fellow believers on Monday, November 10, at 9:00 am in the chapel/coffee area. We look forward to praying with you.

Nursery Sign-Up: The possibility of staffing the nursery for Sunday worship services is being looked into. If you have young children and would like a staffed nursery available during worship time or if you are willing to volunteer to help staff the nursery (maybe once a month), please sign-up to give the Nursery Team an idea of what the interest is in having the nursery staffed. The sign-up sheet is located in the upstairs coat room on the south wall next to the mirror.

Leader Needed: Roxanne will be stepping down as Library Team leader at the end of this year. If you are interested in being a leader on the Library Team, please let Roxanne know and she will teach you the ropes for purchasing, buying and cataloging books. This would be the perfect position for someone who is passionate about reading and discipling others.

Free Chairs Available: The Property Team has made the decision to reduce our green folding chair inventory. They are free on a first come basis to members of our congregation first. There are 56 chairs in total. If you are interested in any of these chairs, contact Kurt De Vries by phone or text at 920-382-0493. These chairs will be available until November 16.

Congregational Care

Thank You: I would like to thank my church family for all the cards and prayers for my surgery. The surgery went well and your kindness was very much appreciated. Wayne Van Buren.

Thank You: A heartfelt thank you to all who sent cards and well wishes in celebration of my 100th birthday in October. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming. A special note of thanks to the Caring and Sharing Team for your visits and kind birthday wishes. The Lord has blessed me and my family beyond measure and it is my prayer that He continues to bless my church family here at First Reformed, also. God is good...all the time. With a grateful heart, Phyllis Pluim.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Season Announcements

Thanksgiving Worship: The Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Wednesday, November 26, at 6:00 pm. The offering will be designated to the Waupun Food Pantry.

Christmas Program Updates: Christmas program pieces went home this past week. Children have also started to practice the music during Sunday School. Roxanne is in need of a few youth who would be willing to participate in the program as well. If you would like to help, please let Roxanne know. As a reminder, our Christmas Program is on December 14, so mark your calendars now.

Operation Christmas Child: First Reformed is participating in Operation Christmas Child. You can pack a shoebox, which are located in the entryway (or use a plastic shoebox-sized container), with school items, small toys, etc. and return it to church by Sunday, November 16. The boxes will then be delivered to needy children around the world through Samaritan's Purse. A box label (which are located in the entryway) must accompany each box. Another option is to Build a Shoebox Online. With a few clicks you can choose items that will be packed in a shoebox for you. Informational cards for this are located on the table in the entryway.

Christmas Carol Sing: First Reformed will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 7, at 6:00 pm. Join in an evening of singing favorite Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections by area community members. A free will offering will be taken for Waupun Holiday Help. Last year's offering provided assistance to 83 families with grocery coupons and gifts for their children, enabling them to have a wonderful Christmas season. This was accomplished because of your generosity.

Worship Service

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9:00 am

Prelude: Jon Schmaltz

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Songs:

- ◆ My God is So Great, So Strong, and So Mighty
- ◆ Great and Mighty

Ministry of Music: Brianna DeMaa - Honest

Scripture/Message: James 3 (page 1883)

*Song #501: Now I Belong to Jesus

Prayer

*Benediction

*Song: I Just Keep Trusting My Lord

*Postlude: Jon Schmaltz

*Please stand as you are able.

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