

First Reformed Church

November 9, 2025



On Wednesday, Awana hosted a Veterans Appreciation Program.
A heartfelt thank you to all the Veterans for their service to our country.



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9:00 am

Worship Service & Sunday School Volunteers

	<u>This Week (November 9)</u>	<u>Next Week (November 16)</u>
Soundboard	Howard Loomans	BJ DeMaa
Power Point	Ryan De Vries	Katie and Brianna DeMaa
Greeters	Greg & Kelley Van Buren	Jerry & Luanne Hull
Elders Greeting	Mike De Vries Ray Freriks Jerry Riel	Steve Towne Ron Schaalma Elton Ter Beest

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 will meet in the Youth Room.
- ◆ The adults class will not meet this week.

Monday:

Sweet Hour of Prayer: 9:00 am in the chapel/coffee area.

Bells Rehearsal: 7:00 pm in the Worship Center.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Awana: For ages 3 years old thru 5th Grade in Fellowship Hall. This week's theme is CAMO NIGHT!

- ◆ Cubbies (ages 3 years - PreK) meet 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Grades K-5 meets 6:00 - 7:30 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: 6:00 pm in the Worship Center.

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.

Congregational News

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/Diacon Nominees: The nominees for Elders and Deacons for 2026 are as follows: Elder Nominee: John De Vries; Diacon 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 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.

Advent Devotional Available: The Alliance has made available an Advent devotional entitled "Unhurried Christmas". With this devotional, you can explore what it means to rest, wait, anticipate, and hope in the coming of our Savior. You can subscribe to receive daily devotionals online at arc21.org/unhurried. There are also printed copies of the entire devotional available on the white kiosk in the upstairs coat room. (Additional copies will be printed as needed.)

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.

Food Pantry: First Reformed donated 38 pounds of items to the Waupun Food Pantry. Items needed at this time are: soup, hot chocolate, cereal, white rice, shampoo and toothpaste. Donated items can be placed in the bin in the upstairs coat room.

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

Sympathy: Gary Beek passed away on Sunday, November 2. Sympathy is extended to his many family members and friends including his wife, Jan, and their children Ivan Beek, Irvin & Kristina Beek, and Ben Beek.

Missions Update: A listing of prayer/praise requests was received from Ryan Hull. It is available on the missions side of the white kiosk in the upstairs coat room.

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: Christmas program pieces have been sent home and the children have also been practicing 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.

Invitations

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

- ◆ All veterans, families and community members are invited to our Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 12, at 2:00 pm in the Crusader Gym.
- ◆ Join us for CWC's fall musical production of Annie! Performances will be held on Friday, November 14, at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 15, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and \$6 for bleacher seating.

Harvest Soup Suppers: Randolph First Reformed (406 S. High Street, Randolph) will be hosting soup suppers each Wednesday in November from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Join us for a simple, hearty meal of homemade soups, bread, desserts, and fellowship. All free will donations will go directly to the Fox Lake Food Pantry to help restock shelves and support families in need.

Worship Service

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9:00 am

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Songs:

Great Are You Lord
His Mercy Is More

Choir: Holy Ground

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:10 (page 1892)

Message: His Eternal Glory

Prayer

*Benediction

*Song: Christ Be Magnified

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

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