



A New
Beginning
with

God

Be made new in the attitude of
your minds; and to put on the
new self, created to be like God

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

First Reformed Church

December 30, 2018

A sincere welcome to all who have come to worship.
May the incomparable blessings that come from God alone touch each of us.

A nursery is available in the lower level of the church.

Children's bulletins, children's activity bags and large print bulletins
are available at the back of the sanctuary.

An usher would be happy to assist you with these items.

Worship Service Participants

	<u>This Week (December 30)</u>	<u>Next Week (January 6)</u>
Greeters	Ron & Diane Schaalma	Sandy De Boer and Eleanor Van Gent
Ushers	Youth Group	Chase Van Buren Gage Van Buren Paige Van Buren
Door Greeters		
Upstairs	Kevin Van Buren	Arlen Tenpas
Downstairs East Door	Jeff Freriks	Jon & Winky Dobbratz
Nursery	Jenny Petersen Claire Petersen	Jill Schumann
Elders Greeting	BJ DeMaa Ron Schaalma Wayne Tavs	Ray Freriks Keith Jansma Jerry Riel
Soundboard		John Nyhuis
Power Point	Kaylin DeMaa	Kelley Van Buren

January Schedules

Hospital: Steve Perry

Flowers: Kim Perry

Transportation: Ron & Claraine Buteyn

Library: Betty Kloostra

Our Vision

Seeking God - Nurturing One Another - Reaching Others For Christ

Our Mission

Our mission as a body of believers is to grow God's Kingdom through spiritual growth, loving and caring fellowship and sharing the hope and joy of God's grace with our community.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Opportunities This Week

Sunday:

Sunday School: Classes will not meet this week but will resume next Sunday.

Wednesday:

XYZ: 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Triple Room.

Awana: We will not meet this week but will resume on January 9.

Jr. High Youth Group: We will not meet this week but will resume on January 9.

Sr. High Youth Group: We will not meet this week but will resume on January 9.

Sr. Choir Practice: 7:15 - 8:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Thursday:

Bell Choir Practice: 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday:

Men's' Huddle: 7:00 - 8:00 am at Helen's Kitchen.

Sunday Worship Service

December 30, 2018

9:00 am

Prelude - Mary Navis

Greeting

*Worship Song: "10,000 Reasons"

Ministry of Music: Brianna DeMaa - "My Lighthouse"

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3 - 4 (page 334)

Message: God Did It! - Matt Hofman

Prayer

Offering Song #11: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Benediction

*Song #237 - "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Please stand if you are able

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Congregational Care

Sympathy: Congregational sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Clara Smit who passed away on Friday, December 21. Sympathy is extended to her children: Perle & Dale Macheel, Sharon & Eugene Damsteegt, Calvin Smit, and Peggie & Brian Roska.

White Gift Offering: The offering received at the Sunday School Program for Noah and Mackenzie Mulder was \$1,273.00.

Thank You: Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant and also for the many Christmas cards. Thanks to Sandy De Boer for the enjoyable visit we had. We are so blessed. George & Betty Posthuma.

Congregational News

Consistory Agenda Items: The next consistory meeting will be January 8. If team leaders or consistory members would like an item discussed at the meeting, please contact the church office with that information by Wednesday, January 2, so it can be placed on the agenda.

Focus Article: The MOVE Team encourages you to read the article "Sitting or Serving" in the Focus regarding upcoming opportunities here at First Reformed.

Fellowship Time: Many people enjoy a time of fellowship following the worship service. If you would be able to help with serving refreshments during that time, please sign-up in the entryway for a Sunday that fits your schedule. All drinks, cookies and supplies are provided.

Contributions: December 30 is the final Sunday of 2018 and will be your last opportunity to make a tax deductible gift for this year.

Contributions: If you need verification of your contributions for 2018 taxes, contact the church office (324-2321) with your name and envelope number by January 31, 2019.

Attention All Treasurers: Because of the difficulty in receiving bank statements by the middle of January for the auditors to verify, it was decided by the consistory to extend the time frame for the treasurers to collect their information and get their final report into the office by **January 20** so that the auditors can verify the beginning of February. Please turn in your year-end financial report and books into the church office no later than January 20. Thank you.

Team Sign-Up: Please sign-up in the entryway if you are interested in serving on a team for 2019. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

AIM: Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7, from 9:00 am - noon in the Triple Room. Join us as we make quilts for missions.

Waupun Food Pantry Fact - Did You Know?

Roughly 45% of the children attending the Waupun School District receive free or reduced hot lunch. Therefore, using the food pantry as a base, local organizations, individuals and churches purchase, pack and distribute 300 sack lunches on average every day (Monday - Thursday) during the summer months. They distribute these at the food pantry to children and adults who are in need of food. In early January, you will learn how we, as a church, can help minister to this opportunity.

Why? In James 2:15-16 it says, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or daily food. If one of you says to him, Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" Also, First Reformed's vision outreach emphasis states that we are to make a purposeful effort to meet the material needs of the community by meeting those needs through Christian love.

Invitations

Open House: The Christian Home will hold an open house at their new facility at 452 Fox Lake Road, Waupun on Sunday, January 13, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. There will be overflow parking with shuttle service from the Central Wisconsin Christian School.

Central Wisconsin Christian School Invitations:

- ◆ Hoops for Hope will be held at the basketball game between CWC Waupun and Cambria/ Friesland on January 3. Funds raised will support two local families who are currently battling cancer - Jim Koopmans and Travis Mulder. For donations, t-shirt orders and memorials go to centralwisconsinchristian.org/hoopsforhope or call 324-4233.
- ◆ Prospective high school students are invited to join the High School Preview Day on Friday, January 4. For more information or to RSVP contact 920-318-1349.

First Place: First Place for Health is a Christ centered health program with emphasis on weight loss. This is an exciting time to join as there are all new materials. There are several orientation sessions being held in Waupun.

- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 8, at 1:00 pm.
- ◆ Pella Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 10, at 5:30 pm
- ◆ First Christian Reformed Church on Monday, January 21, at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, January 22, at 9:00 am

See the article in the Focus newsletter for more information. Eleanor Van Gent has been a member of First Place for Health for over 20 years and would be very happy to answer any questions or give you more information. She can be contacted at 920-210-1126 or emvangent@gmail.com.