FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30p.m.

Today we welcome Nick Bratcher to fill the pulpit. Nick is the campus pastor for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UW-Milwaukee. After seminary, he and his wife, Maddie, moved to Milwaukee in 2019. Though he is a faithful servant of the gospel at UW-Milwaukee, he still maintains a commitment to the Minnesota Vikings/Twins.

There will be no Sunday School this week. Sunday School resumes on January 3rd.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting Elders elected were: Dave Obbink and Jeff Risseeuw and Deacons: Jamie Meinen and Bob Dirkse. Installation & Ordination of our new Elders & Deacons will be next week Sunday, January 3rd.

Elder on Call for December is Jim Meinen (920-889-3223). **Elder on Call for January** is Richard Jordan (920-917-4893).

Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry update – Our next Food Pantry will be Thursday, January 14th. There is a barrel outside Faith Reformed by the west doors for donations; right now we are low on cereal, soup, & pasta sauce. (Please check the expiration dates on the food you donate.) To help serve at the pantry, please sign up on the sheet by the Information Center.

January Newsletter – Copies of the January Newsletter were emailed to everyone. If you wish to have a paper copy we have some on the Information Center counter.

Love Inc needs for December: Starter Kitchen Kits—pots, pans, cookie sheets, bakeware, silverware, cups mugs, mixing bowls, cooking utensils. *'Gently-loved' items are accepted. Your items can be placed in the gray tub marked Love Inc in the great room. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Mike Heinen (920-912-1256).

The Ladies of Faith will meet on Tuesday, January 5th at 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Lesson #3 will be led by Muriel Meinen. Hostesses are Muriel Meinen and MaryAnn DeHaai. You can pick up a copy of the Treasurer's/Secretaries Report at the Information Center counter.

From the Staff: We would like to thank the congregation for their cards, gifts and delicious treats given to us this Holiday season. We feel truly blessed to serve the Family of Faith Reformed Church. Thank you to everyone. ***Pastor Zach, Jon & Debbie***

***Perspectives* is being hosted virtually!**

Do you want to learn how to strategically invest your life in seeing God glorified, read your Bible from the viewpoint of God, and gain insight and direction on how to impact those around you? *Perspectives* is a 15 week experience that can help you do that! Class begins on Sundays, starting January 17th from 6:30-9pm. First two classes are free! Early bird discount deadline is in December and scholarships are also available from the missions team. Tanya Arentsen is available if you have questions: SheboyganPerspectives@gmail.com or (920) 912-1764. https://class.perspectives.org/ for more details - just click on WI!

LADIES PLEASE JOIN US …

A group of ladies of various ages, meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, and we invite you to join us as we begin a new study in the Book of Daniel. Daniel was a young man who found himself in a situation in which he had no control. He had been taken from all he had known in his Jewish culture in Israel, carried off as a captive and plopped down in the middle of the foreign, pagan culture of Babylon. Daniel would have felt right at home in our modern, secular world where political correctness has replaced personal convictions. This study shares guidelines on how to find our way in a culture that has lost its way. The book of Daniel has all the makings of a great story: memorable characters, cliff-hanging moments, and incredible visions. Yet we miss the point if we pay more attention to Daniel's story than we pay to Daniel's God. In this helpful study, we will see how this fascinating biblical book ultimately points to our sovereign Lord.

We will be ordering our study books no later than January 4 and the study will begin on January 19. If you have questions or wish to order a book …

- Call or text Bev @ 920-447-9391 / or email bev.sohre@gmail.com
- Call Debbie at 920-668-6725 / email office@faithreformedchurch.org.

Time is short so please contact us soon. We look forward to having you join us.

Care Groups – Ladies we need two women to be care group leaders in one of the care groups. This involves serving coffee 2 months of the year and serving the people in your care group when sick or new baby. Please consider using your talents as a Care Group Leader. You are not alone – you work with another person. If you can help contact Debbie in the church office. Thank you!

Bad Weather Cancellations – Watch channel 4 for all of Faith Reformed Church's weather cancellations.

New 2021 Telephone Directory: If you have any address, telephone, or e-mail changes – please get them to the church office. Help us keep up to date! We will be printing a new directory in January.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Praises and Thanksgivings

The hope of Jesus' first coming
The hope of Jesus' second coming
God's faithfulness to Faith Reformed

Petitions

Effectiveness of new shot for the Corona virus
New President & Vice President
Our ministry in the PCA
Residents & workers at Pine Haven
Commitment to be people of prayer
Commitment to studying Scripture
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our hearts to be focused on Christ
Our Elders & Deacons
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Disciplemaking at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
End to violence in our country
Our government leaders
Those serving in the military
The churches in Cedar Grove
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Don Schreurs – trouble with falling
Dave Obbink- kidney stones-came home on Wednesday
Bob Sass (Jon's father) chemo treatments
People in the congregation and Community with covid

Grieving

Marilyn Westerbeke died on December 22 – sympathy to her daughter, Julie & son, Steve
Doris DeSmidt died on December 19th – sympathy to her husband Bob & family

Mission & Outreach

Samaritan's Hand
Witness of Christ's love to local families – especially those we see during Food pantry
For our unchurched neighbors

SHUT-INS

Cedar Grove Gardens –
Warren Heinen Building 2 Room #1
Phyllis Heinen Building 2 – Room #6
At Home under hospice care: Elda Veldboom

Faith Reformed
CONNECT CARD

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Prayer Request:_____

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Confidential ☐

I'd like to know more about:

Joining a Bible Study ☐

How to Serve ☐

Trusting in Jesus ☐

Becoming a Member ☐

Baptism ☐

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

Youth News

Sunday School Students remember to bring your offering to class so we can continue to sponsor 2 children from Compassion International.

Youth Discipleship - **Sunday school** will resume Sunday, January 3rd. **Connect** & **Adventure Island** will resume Wednesday, January 6th. **Core** will resume Sunday, January 10th.

High School FORT Winter Retreat - This year's high school weekend retreat is set for **January 15-17** at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. Forms can be picked up or dropped off at Jon's Office or at Connect, and are due Wednesday, January 6th.

Post-High FORT *LAST CALL* - This year's young adult winter retreat is scheduled for **January 1-3**. Forms are available in Jon's door and are due **today, Sunday, December 27th**.

Post-High Potluck - **Tonight, Sunday December 27th** - We will meet at Elliot's & Vanessa's (N937 Sauk Trail Rd) at **6:00PM**. We'll have fellowship & board games, and feel free to bring a snack of choice.

Sympathy:
Marilyn Westerbeke died on Tuesday, December 22nd – sympathy to her daughter Julie Keller & son, Steve Westerbeke and family and friends. Julie's address is: 3830 S. 18th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Sympathy to the family and friends of Doris DeSmidt who passed away on Saturday, December 19th.

Be sure to check your mailbox for regular church communication. All mailboxes must be cleaned out by the end of the year. Thanks for your help!

December 27, 2020

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude	Renee Rauwerdink
Call to Worship	B.J. Hilbelink
*Praise Songs	
*Greeting One Another	
Prayer of Praise and Confession	
Assurance of Forgiveness	

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message		Jon Damkot
Scripture Reading	1 John 1:1-4	Page # 1210
Sermon	"Pursuing True Happiness"	Nick Bratcher

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Hymn # 378	"Be Thou My Vision"	
*Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Question 54		
Offertory Prayer		Dan Weiss
Congregation Sharing		
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		Mary Holle

A WARM CHRISTIAN WELCOME TO ALL! God continually blesses us with an abundance of good gifts! May we in turn be worshiping him "in spirit and in truth."

*Congregation standing if able

*Masks: We remain under a mask mandate in Wisconsin, we expect those attending to wear a mask while inside the church building (unless you are exempt due to a medical condition). There are disposable masks available by the church entrances.