

This Week at First Reformed Church

Today	09:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship hour activities in the narthex
	10:45 AM	Chancel Choir fellowship in the church kitchen
	10:45 AM	Cherub and Youth Choirs practice
	10:45 AM	Catechism classes (Yr 2) meet in the pastor's Study
	11:00 AM	Chancel Choir practice in the sanctuary
	11:00 AM	All Sunday School Classes meet throughout the church
	11:30 AM	All classes release – parents are asked to pick up children promptly
	11:30 AM	Consistory Appreciation Dinner at Drivers Choice Restaurant
	2:00 PM	Open House at TMNH – all are invited
	7:00 PM	Hymnsing at Ramsey Reformed Church
Monday	1:30 PM	Spirit Lifters Bible Study in the church study
	NOON	Church notes for 2/8 newspaper are due to Pastor Bill
Tuesday		Pastor Bill is out of state through February 7
Wednesday	NOON	All bulletin announcements are due to Linda Harms
	7:00 PM	RCWM Exec. Committee meets in narthex classroom
Thursday	2:00 PM	Ruth Circle meets in the narthex classroom

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS RECENTLY IN THE NEWS:

- **Signe Mayland** - daughter of Jay & Clarice Mayland who was named to the 2011 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. Signe has lettered at Simpson college each year and has maintained B+ or better grade point average.

Pastor Bill will be out of state for a week of vacation beginning Tuesday, January 31 through Tuesday, February 7. Please bring all pastoral needs to the attention of Consistory Vice-President Doug Murra.

Private Laura Mastin can now be reached by mail. Her address is: Pvt Mastin, Laura J, HHB 2-1 ADA 15754 Box 340, APO, AP 96260



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ELDERS

Dale Kramersmeier ('12)

Doug Murra ('12)

Dean Gerzema ('13)

Francis Bruhns ('13)

DEACONS

Eldon Johnson ('12)

Dale Meinders ('12)

Peg Mastin ('13)

Les Wubben ('13)

January 29, 2012
More than Knowledge

Our Church At Worship

Epiphany IV

9:30 A.M

January 29, 2012

Prelude

News for the Church

Call To Worship

Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.

God's righteousness endures forever.

WE COME TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION OF BELIEVERS.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD WITH WHOLE HEARTS.

God is gracious, and merciful and trustworthy.

At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

THE WORKS OF GOD'S HANDS ARE ESTABLISHED AMONG US.

WE CAN COUNT ON GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITHFULNESS.

Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.

All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

HOLY AND AWESOME IS GOD'S NAME.

WE CALL ON GOD TO EMPOWER OUR WORSHIP.

*Hymn # 444

“Rain Down”

Invocation

1st Reading (Pew Bibles p. 1043)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Celebration of Community

*Gloria Patri

Our Prayer for Understanding

2nd Reading (Pew Bibles p. 910)

Mark 1:21-28

Children's Time

*Hymn # 595

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Message: **More Than Knowledge**

*WHAT we know is important but never as important as what we do with our knowledge
once we have it! (1 Cor 8:2)*

Our Prayer for Blessing

We Confess Our Faith – The Apostle's Creed

We Offer Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*Doxology (Hymn #34)

*The Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn # 559

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn # 14 (1st stanza only)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Postlude

*indicates that all who are able are invited to stand

Our Church Today

First Reformed Church WELCOMES YOU! We believe that a church should be a place where all people are welcomed, all have something to gain from being here and all have something to share here. We grow when we all grow. Our church is a family and you are an important part of who we are becoming. Your presence makes a difference.

GUESTS AND VISITORS in this house of prayer and family of faith are truly a treasured gift. We want to be welcoming – we want to be a comfortable place for you. Christ accepts us *as we are* and then guides us to all we can be. None of us has “arrived” and we invite you to join us on the journey to God and a fuller, richer life.

A **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** is shared each Sunday following worship. There is no charge – no free will offering....just people who care, sharing a warm cup and a good nibble. Please join us in the narthex after worship today. Anyone interested in helping this ministry continue in the future is invited to sign up on the narthex bulletin board.

Our **NEW & IMPROVED WEEKLY WORSHIP BROADCAST** is heard on **KIOW FM 107.3** and is simulcast on WCTA Cable channel 2. Each Sunday we have a new experience in making our broadcast the best it can be. Today's broadcast is shared in honor of Otto and Dorothy Boehm who are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary. You can help support this weekly mission of our church by sponsoring a broadcast for a special event or person in your life. Weekly broadcasts cost \$75 and a calendar of open dates is available from Linda Harms.

Our quarterly **HYMNSING** is slated for tonight beginning at 7 PM in the Ramsey Reformed Church. Everyone is invited to sing the old hymns – particularly those with a winter and Christmas thrust. A free-will offering will be received for the local food pantry in Buffalo Center. Special music from area churches including our own Troy Kettwick will be included along with a “Community Special”. A lunch will follow the song service.

Our Church This Week

Prayer Matters: Gladys Albers has moved to TMNH after a brief hospitalization in Blue Earth. Hunter Meinders had out-patient oral surgery last week and is home. Roy Hinz has been feeling a bit under the weather. Miff Wessels experienced a fall at home earlier this week. Please uphold in prayer our friends George Winter, John Berschman, Ray Aukes (Doug's dad), Dean Balvance, Charlotte Norstrud, Bill Heyer, Velma Dontje, Betty Kiel, Luella

Hagedorn, Harlan Aukes, Tyler Olsen. Cards for Gladys, Hunter, Roy and Miff await your signature in the narthex.

We **REJOICE AND CELEBRATE** our members and friends who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. They are: **Brooke (Boeckholt) Nordine** (Today); **Mara Venteicher, Tristan Boehm** (Monday); **Dale & Sara Meinders** (Tuesday); **Brooke Aukes** (Wednesday); **Hunter Meinders** (Thursday); **Tara Ortman** (Saturday). If you have a birthday or anniversary this week and it is not listed above, we are not aware of it so please visit Pastor Bill with dates and details! Thanks to all who are responding to this appeal and helping us update our calendar.

Our weekly statistics show that **LAST WEEK'S OFFERING** was \$795.00 for the General Fund (\$1,034.75 last year), with an attendance of 57 persons (85 persons last year). Our average attendance this year is 63 persons in worship weekly (72 persons last year). Our average Sunday Offering this year is \$860.00 (\$1,109.15 last year).

At Our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** new leadership was elected. Our new consistory members are:

- **Deacons:** Angela Bruhns, Brian Kramersmeier
- **Elders:** Dean Beenken, Corey Rasch

All Consistory members will be celebrating the gifts and service of our retiring members this morning following Sunday School at Drivers Choice. These new consistory members will be ordained and installed on Sunday, February 12 during worship and Communion will be celebrated on Sunday February 19. The consistory will join together for a training event on Feb 19 at 1 PM and conclude the afternoon with our February meeting.

Our midweek **SPIRIT LIFTERS DEVOTIONAL Bible Study** was canceled last Monday due to inclement weather. **Remember church activities are canceled when the school day is shortened or if school is called off.** Our study continues Monday afternoon at 1:30 PM and uses "The Upper Room" daily devotional (free in the narthex) – requiring little to no preparation! Current devotionals are available in the narthex in both LARGE and regular print. Pick up the Upper Room today and look on page 72 for details! Men and women are all encouraged to join us! This week's lesson is "**Stingy Bird**" and is drawn from 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Our hope is that this study will prompt all of us for a closer walk with God everyday!

A **PASTOR'S CLASS** for youth planning to make Profession of Faith is being held each Wednesday at 7 PM in the Church Study. Class will not meet this week due to Pastor Bill's absence. Our next topic on February 8 is "Why A Christian Ought to be a Church Member." Material is available from Pastor Bill and should be read by participants prior to class time. This class releases at 8 PM sharp!

Your **2012 RCWM BOOK** is now available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today.

Our friends at **Timely Mission Nursing Home** in Buffalo Center will host an **OPEN HOUSE** today from 2-4 PM. All are invited to come and see the many renovations that have been completed recently. If you haven't visited TMNH for a while, you owe it to yourself to see the upgrades enjoyed by patients, their families and our entire community.

January Ministries at First Reformed Church

Flowers: Don & Linda Gruis, Doug & JoAnn DeBoer

Ushers: Don Gruis (Capt); Tim Oldenkamp

Greeters: Jan 29: Dean & Julie Balvance
Feb 5: Kenny & Marilyn Balvance
Feb 12: Dean & Becky Beenken
Feb 19: Jerry & Carol Bechler

Radio: January: Diana Kramersmeier

Acolyte: January: Caleb Rasch

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Your 2012-2013 Church Officers

Pastor: Rev. William Peake

Vice-President: Dean Gerzema

Chairperson of the Deacons: Peg Mastin

Consistory Clerk: Brian Kramersmeier

Committee Chairs

Church Building.....Francis Bruhns

Parsonage & Grounds.....Les Wubben

Worship & Music.....Peg Mastin

Youth & Christian Education.....Angela Bruhns

Pulpit Supply.....Dean Beenken

Sacraments.....Corey Rasch