We gladly welcome all worshipers on this third Sunday of Advent. May we all prepare for the joyous celebration of the coming of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.
Join us this evening for Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. We will study the Sunday School Guide for our evening Bible Study.

This morning the Missions/benevolent offering will be taken. Please give generously to our missions offering.

At our Annual Congregational Meeting Jim Meinen & Dan Posthuma were elected as Elders and Andy Brill & John Morgan were elected as Deacons. A special thank you to Elders, Mike Heinen & Steve Rauwerdink and Deacons Troy Rauwerdink & Jim Wonser for their years of service on the consistory. Installation and Ordination of the new Elders & Deacons will be held in January.

**Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry update** – The pantry was open this past Thursday. 25 families were served. The Food Pantry will be open again on Thursday, January 8th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the food pantry, please let them know about it. If anyone is interested in donating, right now we are low on cereal, canned fruit, paper products (especially toilet paper), and laundry detergent. (Please check the expiration dates on the food you donate.) Thank you!

Also, please pray for Sandy and her recovery from foot surgery. Pray for Lucky who will have heart surgery in December. Also, pray for Paul; his aunt told us that he “is on drugs, in jail, and needs Jesus.”

**Children’s Sunday School Christmas program** — The program will be held next week Sunday, December 21st at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. An offering will be received for the Sunday School’s Compassion Kids. We will be practicing this morning during the Sunday School hour. If you have any questions contact one of the Christmas Program Committee members: Sarah Konzak, Jamie Brill, & Sally Ketterhagen

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided for those with young children.

**Dear Faith Reformed family,**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous monthly donations of both money and service to the First/Hope Community Meal. The out pouring of support your church has offered to this ministry is beyond anything we could have imagined when we all decided to partner together. We are grateful for your dedication to this meal and are always open to your thoughts and ideas on how it is run.

We look forward to many, many more months and years of meals – so glad to have you at the table!  **Merry Christmas! John & Betsy Warmus**

This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. “I beseech you...by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice.” Romans 12:1
Faith Reformed Church

December 14, 2014

TODAY
9:00 a.m.  Morning Worship Service - Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
10:30 a.m. Kids practice for the Sunday School Christmas Program
6:00 p.m.  Roots & J-teams at Faith Church
6:30 p.m.  Sunday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday
6:30 p.m.  Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m.  Consistory Meeting
8:30 p.m.  Elder’s Meeting

Wednesday
4:30-5:30 p.m. Christmas practice for SS program – supper to follow
6:30 p.m.  Adventure Island, Cruisin’ & Soul Impact

Faith Church News and Notes

Sunday Evening Bible Study – Sunday School Guide — Why do we need a call to worship? Have you ever called to someone else to worship the Lord, perhaps urging your children or a friend to join you at church? What does worship with others have to offer that is not true of private worship? Scripture from Psalm 95:1-7a.

The January Faith Family Newsletter will come out on Sunday, January 11th so the office staff may have time off during the holidays. Please have your January articles to the church office by Sunday, January 4th. Thank you!

Reminder to parents: There will be no Adventure Island, Cruisin’ & Soul Impact on December 24th and December 31st. Merry Christmas!

Missionary greetings from the Kist-Okazaki family and Andrew Dykstra family have been posted on the board for you to read.

Be sure to check your mailbox for regular church communication

December 21 — Coming up on Groundwork: Presented by Words of Hope and ReFrame Media. – The Incarnation of Jesus & Our Rebirth. Today on Groundwork dig into John 1:12-18 to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Together we’ll rediscover the deep wonder that is the incarnation of God’s own Son and the holy mystery that brings us into the family of God. You can listen on your local radio stations, WJUB, 1420 AM, Sunday at 7:30 am or WHBL, 1330 AM, Sunday at 8:30 am or listen online at GroundworkOnline.com.

A letter from Campus Life has been posted on the bulletin board for you to read. The food pantry portion of Campus Life will be stopping effective December 5th. See the letter for more info.

The new Our Daily Bread Devotionals have arrived and you may pick one up from the rack next to Pastor Ron’s office. We also have copies of Words of Hope Devotionals for you to use.
Special Birthdays in December:
Please remember the following people with cards of Birthday blessings:
Leon Dykstra turns 91 on December 19
Neil Bruggink turns 80 on December 24
Delores Meinen turns 85 on December 29

Rev. Leon Dykstra
1889 Elizabeth Lane West
Jenison, MI 49428

Lost & Found – A silver earring was found in the church parking lot. If you are missing one it is on the counter by the Information Center.

Christmas cards for our missionaries are on a table in the great room for you to sign!


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

Thank you to the ladies who made crafts for the Pine Haven Craft & Bake Sale. They were greatly appreciated. Connie & Sue

Attention Parents: The kids will be singing Praise Songs next week Sunday. They will be practicing on Wednesday after Christmas Program practice and again on Sunday morning.

Thank you to everyone that made cookies for the Food Pantry this past Thursday. People really appreciate the homemade treats. The Food Pantry Team

Nursery News: To make things easier for our nursery helpers, please label your diaper bags with your child’s name. We also have a sign in sheet. Parents please sign your name and your child’s name and any information our nursery helpers may need to know. Thank you to Amanda Narus for cleaning and checking our nursery toys. We want to keep our little ones healthy.

Christmas Program Practice Supper for kids – Thank you to everyone who is donating items for the supper. A reminder to put your items in the kitchen by noon on the day you signed up to bring items (this week December 17 meal – sandwiches). Thank you!

Pine Haven’s Expansion Project – There is a green binder on the Book case outside Pastor Ron’s office with pictures of the progress being made on the new facility. Pictures will be added as we receive them. Take a look at the progress being made on the new project.

SUMMER STAFF: Have you considered spending a summer in ministry? Applications for 2015 summer staff at Camp Manitoqua & Retreat Center are available online at www.manitoqua.org and are being accepted starting in November.

Thank You – We would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, and special thoughts when Neil had surgery. We also wish to thank the 8th Grade Sunday School Class for the prayer blanket and special gift from The Care Connection. We felt Christ’s love through Faith Church.

Neil & Carolyn Bruggink
**HELPING OUT...**

**Greeters today:**
- Doris DeMaster (Sanctuary)
- Bill/Bonnie Depies (Great Room)

**Greeters next week:**
- Mike/Pam Deppiesse (Sanctuary)
- Bob/Doris DeRuyter (Great Room)

**Nursery today:**
- Ann Villa
- Margie Schultz
- Emily Sass

**Nursery next week:**
- Kris Sass
- Alaina Lashbrook
- Rachel Jerabek

**Ushers for December**
- Rich Rauwerdink
- Glen Ten Dolle
- Tom Bruggink

**Flower Committee contact** people for December are Barb Lukens & Mary Broetzmann — If you wish to provide a plant or flowers for a Sunday service, please contact Barb or Mary with the date and occasion. Also please give a note to the church secretary for the bulletin.

**Kitchen Committee for December:**
Mary Broetzmann

**Elder on call in December:** Lloyd DeRuyter

**Hope Café Volunteers for December:** To be announced

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**Our Prayer Time**

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

**Congregational Prayers**

**Praises and Thanksgivings --**
The transforming power of the Spirit of Christ

**Petitions --**
Commitment to treasure Christlikeness
The gospel to shine through Christmas
Those who are grieving or separated from family
For persecuted Christians

**Health –**
Neil Bruggink-recovering from bypass surgery
Lynn Navis-recovering from cancer surgery
Doris DeRuyter – recovering from shoulder surgery
Kim Hoitink – undergoing cancer treatment

**Mission –**
Todd/ Darlene Voskuil-Wycliffe missionaries
Participants in the Perspectives class
For our unchurched neighbors

**Residents of Pine Haven – Oostburg**
- Jean TenPas – Room # 128
- Doris DeMaster – Room #114

**Pine Haven Memory Care Unit**
- Phyllis Joosse – Room # 301

**At Home:**
- Elda Veldboom

**Missions**
SayuriKist-Okazaki/Elly Kajaminyo/Mike & Ann Prom/Chris & Heather Sawdon/Todd & Darlene Voskuil/Words of Hope/Sheboygan
County Campus Life/Pine Haven Christian
Home

**Prayer Chain:** Call your requests to the church office and they will be forwarded to the Prayer Captains of your fellowship group.
*News and Notes from the Christian Community*

**Cedar Grove Senior Center** meals program meets every Monday at First Reformed Church at 10:30 a.m. All senior citizens are invited to attend. Our Faith Church contact person is Delores Meinen (668-6863). Programs for December are:

**December 15** – Rocket Choir at 11:15am  
**December 22** – Christmas Remembered  
**December 29** – Birthday Party & Bingo

**Pine Haven Christian Communities** is beginning their capital campaign to raise funds to support the expansion project in north Sheboygan Falls at their Haven Drive Campus. When complete, the campus will offer Sheboygan County seniors a full continuum of care – from the existing Prairie Crossing Apartments, to assisted living, rehabilitation, and memory care. Your gift toward this project can help. For more information, see the flyers on the Visitor’s table – or visit www.pinehaven.org/project_donation_needs/

**The Pine Haven Auxiliary** has Perkins Perks Program vouchers available for your visits to Perkins Restaurant. The voucher will benefit Pine Haven by giving them 10% of your purchase. Thank you for your support!

**The 6th Annual Father Daughter Ball, hosted by Campus Life** – A quality, memorable and wholesome event that showcases the unique and significant relationship between fathers and daughters of all ages. Tickets are $25/person and seating is limited. The Father Daughter Ball is being held over 4 evenings…Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 27 & Feb. 28th. For tickets go to GoCampusLife.com or call 457-2381.

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”  
Luke 2:11
Youth News – Upcoming Weeks

Roots & J-teams tonight at 6p.m. at Faith Reformed Church.

This week Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice for kids in the Christmas Program – supper will be served to the children at 5:30 p.m.

Adventure Island, Cruisin’ & Soul Impact meet Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Post High Fort Wilderness Forms are due December 21st.

December 21st at 5pm – Youth Christmas Party at Faith Church

There will be NO Adventure Island, Cruisin’ or Soul Impact on December 24th and December 31st – Merry Christmas!

Parents! Get text updates and announcements by texting FFPARENT to 84483.

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Our beautiful gold 50th anniversary ornaments are available for $12 – each Sunday in the Great Room – or call Shirley Meinen 668-6125. You will want one for your tree – and they make a meaningful gift! Comes in a nice gift box with certificate.

Dear Faith Reformed Church Sunday School,

Love greetings! Hello, how are you? I was very happy when I received the latest letter from you. Thank you for praying for me too. Every day, God helps and blesses us in Indonesia. Not long ago, we celebrated our country Indonesia 69th independence day. And people were happy. There were many competitions around my neighborhood and my school. We had traditional game, such as pan jut Pinang (climbing a slippery Pinang tree) it was fun because some people competed to reach the presents at the top of the tree. Do you have a Pinang tree? (pinang=areca nut) How about your activity? I hope God will always give home. Thank you for your gift.

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Note: Office hours for Pastor Ron and Eric will vary based on meetings and programs. If coming to the church to see them, please contact the office to make sure they are in or make an appointment. The staff may be in the office at none posted times as well. These are not their only work hours.

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**Deeply Loving God**  
**Authentically Loving Others**  
**Boldly Living God’s Word!**